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NEW RAF BLOW AT CATANIA

Another heavy blow has been struck by the R.A.F. at Catania, the big air base in Sicily from which the Germans are operating their planes, announces the R.A.F., Middle East.

The raid was carried out during Wednesday/Thursday night by bombing planes of the R.A.F. A heavy explosion was followed by a large fire in the north-west hangar as the first British plane swooped over. The fire burnt fiercely for some time and was visible 50 miles away. It also assisted the other British planes to identify their targets.

Another large fire was started among administrative buildings near the east hangar, where several planes were seen to be on fire.

Explosions were caused among many planes parked along the southern boundary of the aerodrome.

All our planes returned safely from what the R.A.F. justifiably calls "this successful operation."

VATICAN HELP FOR PRISONERS

THE POPE'S SOLICITUDE FOR ALL VICTIMS OF WAR, ESPECIALLY FOR PRISONERS OF WAR OF ALL COUNTRIES, WAS STRESSED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE VATICAN NEWSPAPER "OSSERVATORE ROMANO" YESTERDAY.

The article stated that a mission headed by the Apostolic Nuncio, Mons. Duca, has been visiting all British and French prisoners of war and civilians interned in Italy. The visits were made with the cooperation of the Italian authorities.

Similar visits have been made to prisoners and internees in Albania, Greece, Jerusalem and other places in Europe, Asia, Canada, America and even Australia.

The Vatican office which obtains and transmits to relatives news of prisoners, internees and refugees has also been very busy, — Reuters.

NO DOUBT HERE

"HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT WE SHALL WIN A COMPLETE AND DECISIVE VICTORY," SAID MR. CHURCHILL YESTERDAY.

He made this remark during the course of an inspection of civil

LARGE ITALIAN TROOPSHIPS TORPEDOED

According to Athens radio yesterday the Italian liners Liguaria (15,000 tons) and Lombardia (20,000 tons), carrying troops to Albania, were recently torpedoed and sunk in the Adriatic.

Italian prisoners were taken by the Greeks. — Reuters.

R.A.F.'s Daylight Attack

British bombers are reported to have carried out a daylight attack yesterday afternoon on German invasion bases on the French coast.

People in a Kent coastal town saw a formation of British bombers flying out across the mist-shrouded sea unescorted by fighters and flying at a great height.

Soon afterwards the rumble of heavy explosions could be heard and continued almost unbroken for some time. — Reuters.

ROBBER BARONS AT WORK IN BELGIUM

THE LOOTING of Belgium by the Nazis is described in an official report now being studied by Administration officials in Washington, according to Albert Warner, commentator in Washington, broadcasting yesterday.

Mr. Warner says the report tells how trains and truckloads of Belgian food and other supplies were sent out of the country and into Germany.

Belgian cattle and horses were shipped away, 80 per cent. of the Belgian tobacco commandeered, carloads of potatoes and butter are going to Germany, and for weeks there have been no potatoes or butter obtainable by the people of Brussels.

The report declares it looks almost as if the role of robber baron, governmentally planned, will be ahead of time.

Rule By Decree

There appeared huge six-wheeled trucks with double trailers, into which went flour,

R.A.F. Meets Worst Winter Weather

R.A.F. BOMBERS WHICH SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED WILHELMSHAVEN, THE BIG GERMAN NAVAL BASE, ON THURSDAY NIGHT, STRUGGLED TO THEIR TARGET THROUGH SOME OF THE WORST WEATHER CONDITIONS WINTER CAN PRODUCE.

Bomb-racks, gun turrets and cockpit windows were clogged with ice and the instruments repeatedly froze up. Cold was not the only trouble.

The aircraft also encountered continuous severe electrical storms. One aircraft was struck by lightning and disabled while another bomber had its wireless aerial torn away.

Here is the story of the raid told by one of the pilots.

"After leaving base we climbed to 7,000 feet and ran into cloud where ice immediately began to form.

Ghastly Going

"With a struggle we eventually reached 10,000 feet but that was not high enough to get out of the cloud.

"I could not see out of the front screen, which was covered with ice. The going was absolutely ghastly.

"There was an enormous

amount of static about and for two hours blue flames crackled all over the machine.

"Just before reaching Wilhelmshaven a small flash inside the aircraft was followed by a blinding burst and flame shot from one end of the aircraft to the other, while blue flames were sparkling off the air screws.

"It was the worst electrical storm any of us had met

'Plane Struck

"The climax came when the plane was struck. The front turret must have taken the full force of the flash.

"I could not see for several minutes as the flash had blinded me. Then, through the side windows, I saw flak (anti-aircraft fire) coming up so we bombed the guns and turned for home." — Reuters.

GERMANY PUTS ON THE SCREWS

Germany is once again pressing Marshal Petain to make a clean sweep of the Vichy Government and bring Laval back into the fold once more.

Neutral correspondents in Berlin are being inspired to say that this has already happened and that Petain is to appoint a new government.

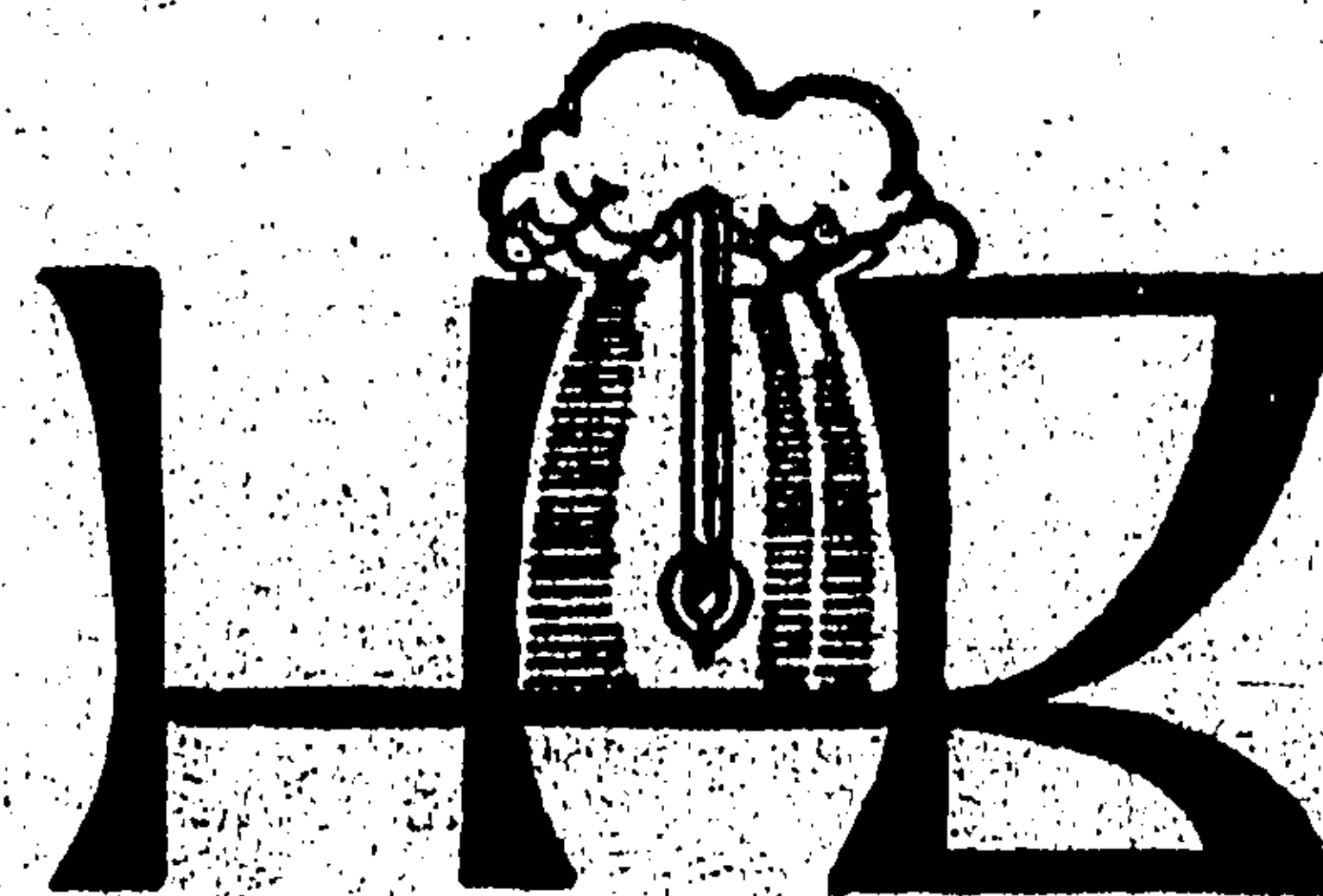
There is nothing whatever from Vichy to support this as yet, and messages from there say that an important Cabinet meeting is to be held to-day.

The significance of the Berlin reports is made clear in a broadcast from the Nazi-controlled Paris radio, in which a noted pro-German Frenchman is quoted as saying that "the entire Government must be re-sorted and rejuvenated."

Paris Radio also quotes the Nazi-controlled Paris newspaper "L'Oeuvre" as saying:—

"Both internal and external affairs must be controlled by one man. There must be a clean-up inside France and foreign policy must not endanger collaboration with Germany."

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Striking Revelations Of U.S. Inferiority In Naval Power

PEIPING BLOCKADE ENDED

Seven weeks of Japanese "blockade" of Peiping ended yesterday; the action was put into effect following the murder of a Japanese officer on November 29 last.

An official proclamation states that now that the assassins have been arrested all restrictive measures at the gates are removed henceforth.

Another official statement embodies the indictment of the alleged assassins. One named Ma Hing-ho, aged 32, is represented as being leader of "Chiang Kai-shek's Action Squad in North China" who planned the assassination and provided the weapons.

Another was Chih Yu-min, actual murderer, aged 35.

Both men are stated to be northerners and former officers of Chiang Kai-shek's army. The indictment states that they confessed the crime and will be tried by a Japanese military court.

An unspecified number of arrests have been made in the same connection. It is considered a fortunate coincidence that the restrictions could be lifted just prior to the Chinese New Year, January 27, when Chinese must return to their homes and also when there are many temple festivals outside the city and the Peiping public was becoming very restive. —Reuter.

APPOINTMENTS GAZETTED

The following appointments were gazetted this morning:

Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves resumed duty as Director of Public Works.

Mr. W. J. E. Mackenzie resumed duty as Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

Mr. V. A. Perkins to be an Assistant Assessor.

Mr. J. B. P. Byrne to be Examiner, War Taxation.

Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones to be Postmaster General.

Mr. C. J. Norman to be Assistant Superintendent of Prisons.

Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Junior, appointed an Unof-

NINE IRISH SHIPS SUNK BY GERMANY

The Eire Minister of Supplies, Mr. Sean Lemass, revealed in the debate in the Dail yesterday that a total of nine ships of Irish registration and flying the Irish flag have been sunk off the Irish coast. —Reuter.

WHEELER ON THE WARPATH

CONTINUING HIS FIGHT AGAINST PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S BRITISH AID BILL THE ISOLATIONIST SENATOR BURTON WHEELER YESTERDAY DEMANDED THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD PUBLISH ALL REPORTS FROM HIS AMBASSADORS TO LONDON AND PARIS (MR. KENNEDY AND MR. BULLITT) BEFORE THE PRESENT WAR.

Senator Wheeler, who talked with Mr. Kennedy on Thursday night after the latter had visited President Roosevelt, suggested yesterday the reports would provide valuable information considering the Lease and Lend Bill. —Reuter.

INDIAN LIBERALS JOIN THE CHORUS

A PLEA FOR DOMINION status for India is made by prominent Indian Liberal leaders in a joint statement issued in Bombay yesterday.

Signatories include Mr. Chanda Varkar, President of the Indian National Liberal Federation, and Mr. Sirdi Vasa Sistri, member of the Round Table Conference and the Indian Privy Council.

Stating that "We believe in co-operation between Britain and India, if it could be achieved on honourable terms," the authors maintain, however, that in the British Government's present policy there are a number of obstacles to India's working "enthus-

lastically for the freedom of England and other nations."

"Genuine Wish"

They particularly urge the nationalisation of India's defence forces by "affording equal opportunities to all classes in the provinces and the replacement of British by Indian officers without which Dominion status can have no meaning."

In conclusion they express unreserved opposition to the totalitarian systems and their "genuine wish that India were in a position to put forth her maximum effort for the cause of freedom and Democracy, but deeply regret that the British Government has so far failed to unify British and Indian interests." —Reuter.

Colonel Knox And The Axis Sea Strength

STRIKING COMPARISONS OF THE NAVAL STRENGTH OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE AXIS WERE MADE BY COLONEL FRANK KNOX, SECRETARY OF NAVY, WHEN URGING THE PASSAGE OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL YESTERDAY.

Throughout the next three years, he said, figures showed that the United States Navy would be outnumbered by the Axis fleets in every category from battleships to submarines.

Although the United States would probably commission 100 warships during the next two years the Axis fleets in the same period would be swelled by the addition of 304 new units.

Col. Knox forecast that the greatest increase in Axis strength would be in submarines. In his estimation the present Axis undersea fleet numbered 284, but by 1943 the Axis would have 500 submarines.

Paying a powerful tribute to the protection which the Royal Navy afforded to the United States Col. Knox said: "If the United States does not wish to face the consequences of the establishment in South America of an aggressive military power we should now prevent Germany from overturning British sea power, which holds the Nazis in Europe."

Menace To South America

Col. Knox expressed the opinion that if Germany became free to move across the ocean for the conquest of new territories it was most probable that she would move first into South America and "get hold of that great storehouse of natural wealth."

The United States, he added, needed time to perfect its defences, since the programme for construction of a two-ocean navy now under way would take six years to complete.

"Only Britain and her fleet can give us that time and they need our help to survive," he declared.

Striking Figures

Col. Knox then presented figures showing that the United States Fleet possessed 322 fighting ships on January 1 this year, as compared with 658 ships in the navies of Italy, Germany and Japan combined.

He predicted that January 1942 the United States Fleet would have 342 ships and the Axis fleets 803, while a year later the United States Fleet would number 422 ships and the Axis fleets 862.

He emphasised that it was due only to the combined sea power of the United States and Britain that the Atlantic and Pacific had served as barriers against the acquisitive designs of aggressive powers.

Only through the support of Britain had the United States maintained the Monroe Doctrine during the past 125 years.

The full organisation of American resources, he said, would permit help to Britain and at the same time the preparation of strong defences in the United States.

Col. Knox continued: "The cost to us in money, effort and sacrifice will be great but the cost will be far greater—given in the immediate future—should we stand aside and let Britain fall."

Control Of The Seas

"The present war is fundamentally an attempt by Ger-

many to seize control of the seas from Britain.

"Since the World War the United States has maintained a one-ocean navy in the Pacific. That the navy proved adequate in both directions is only because the existence and deployment of Britain's Navy gave us security in the Atlantic.

In effect, both we and the British Commonwealth actually have had a two-ocean navy operating for a single peaceful purpose."

Emphasising that six years would elapse before completion of the United States two-ocean navy Col. Knox said: "The British Navy can survive only if the British Isles survive."

The British Navy

"Should the British Isles fall we can only believe that the British Navy, which never runs from danger, will fall at the same time."

"I think we can safely assume that the British Navy will share the fate of the courageous nation that supports it."

"Should that come to pass our Fleet would necessarily be divided to meet the danger in both oceans. Whether it would be strong enough to protect the regions nearest to us is a matter that cannot now be foretold."

"Once we lose the power to control even a part of those seas inevitably the war in Europe will be transferred to the Americas."

Col. Knox declared the war in Europe "Must be looked upon as the latest of a long succession of attempts by the Dictators to establish their rule over all Europe and eventually to establish dominion over a large portion of the world."

He added: "Only during the past 50 years has it become necessary for us to develop a strong navy. The circumstances that rendered a strong navy essential were the construction of the German navy to back aggression towards distant lands and Japan's expansion into peaceful lands beyond her borders."

Time Needed

He declared that to keep from engaging in a desperate struggle on American territory the United States people needed time to make ready their arms.

"They can get time to make ready and can still maintain their essential interests throughout the world only so long as Britain and its Fleet survive."

"With our unstinted help I firmly believe that that nation cannot be defeated."

"We will act in our best national interests. Therefore, while increasing our naval power—as fast as we can, we will provide the British Commonwealth with means that will bring her through this tragic crisis." —Reuter.

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Precautions Necessary In A Changing World

President In Jocular Vein

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT told his daily press conference in Washington yesterday that he did not favour suggestions that would place a limitation on the Lease and Lend Bill.

He humorously suggested that if restrictions were to be inserted in the Bill there should also be a provision to prevent the President of the United States standing on his head, because under the Bill as it now stood, he might do so.

In a world that was changing every 24 hours, President Roosevelt added, things might turn up and precautions were necessary.

The provision in the Bill to permit the Secretaries of War and Navy to buy war material from friendly nations was inserted as a precaution.

Asked about a newspaper article quoted in the House of Representatives yesterday, to the effect that the Bill would enable America to buy the British and French Fleets, President Roosevelt said he supposed Congress might authorise him to acquire the German navy too.

In highly jocular vein the President asked newspaper correspondents whether they did not think the discussion was "the cow jumped over the moon."

Reports Denied

Noticing the Bill he added sarcastically it would prevent his doing what might be a dangerous thing, namely standing on his head, but the President of the United States did not expect to stand on his head, had no desire to do so and similarly had no desire to get rid of the Navy.

The President laughed uproariously when asked whether he discussed the Bill with the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Coughlin, who visited him earlier in the week. He shook his head emphatically.

The President brushed aside as "just an Italian newspaper report" a question about a report that the chiefs of the United States Army and Navy had advised him that his policy of aid to Britain was wrong, and described as "a Japanese newspaper story" a report that a suggestion had come from Japan that the United States Fleet be recalled from Hawaii.

No Appeal From Britain

He answered in the negative an enquiry whether he recently received word from Britain in regard to the urgent need for aid.

Asked about reports that Mr. John Winant would be chosen to succeed Mr. Joseph Kennedy as Ambassador to Britain Mr. Roosevelt said that information had not come from sources close to the White House. — Reuter.

MISS MARY BELL WED IN LONDON

A galaxy of stage, film and air stars besieged Gaxton Hall register office in London yesterday for the wedding of 2/Lt. John Mills, the well-known actor, and Miss Mary Hayley Bell, formerly of the Far East.

The bride is the daughter of Lt. Col. Francis Hayley Bell, who

GRAZIANI REPORT DENIED

Official circles in Rome deny a report that Marshal Graziani is to resign his post as Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Forces in Libya, according to the German Radio.—Reuter.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CONDEMNS ITALY

"ITALY'S NON-PROVOKED aggression against the liberty and independence of Greece" is condemned by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in a letter published in the Athens press yesterday.

The letter, which is addressed to the Orthodox Archbishop of Athens and the Primate of Greece, was a reply to a recent appeal of the Greek Orthodox Church to all Christian churches.

"The Church and all the people of England," the letter says, "fully share the indignation expressed with such strength in the appeal of the Greek Church against the non-provoked aggression which Italy has attempted against the liberty and independence of Greece."

Spiritual Fight

"Our hearts are full of sympathy for your people on account of the sufferings which have been inflicted on it by violence and are full of admiration for the skill, devotion and courage with which you have repelled aggression."

"We cordially welcome the Greek people not only as our ally in this temporal conflict but also as our companions in a great spiritual fight, because we share with you the conviction that the principles of truth, justice and liberty for which we are fighting together constitute the fundamentals of the Christian manner of life and all Christian civilisation." — Reuter.

retired from the Chinese Maritime Customs in 1931 with the rank of Commissioner.

Flight-Lt. D. H. Bell, the bride's D.F.C. airman brother, was also present.

The bride's father, after his retirement from the Customs, took up the appointment of Defence Security Officer, Singapore.

He was Commissioner of Customs at Kowloon, Macao, Canton, Chefoo and Tientsin.—Reuter.

Lieber Gott, Indeed!

"The entry of full American aid into this war is the supreme nightmare for the Germans," says an uncensored despatch from Paris to the New York "Herald-Tribune" yesterday.

"The German people fear it because it will assure the eventual loss of the struggle, revolution in their homeland and a flare-up in every country over which Germany has planted her boot."

"I overheard German soldiers talking quietly among themselves in cafes and at corners. They say it must be finished before next summer, so they can go home or some may go home anyway."

"They say America must not mix in this war. Last time it was overseas material that turned the scale."

"Lieber Gott in Himmel, if America should do it again!" — Reuter.

IRISH APPEAL TO FIGHT FROM SINGAPORE

A prominent Irish businessman in Singapore yesterday cabled Mr. de Valera, the Eire Premier, imploring Eire to abandon neutrality and take its "rightful place alongside the British Commonwealth of Nations immediately to crush Hitlerism and all it stands for."

The cable was despatched after many letters had been received from all over Malaya in support of its terms as proposed by a letter inserted in advance in Singapore newspapers.—Reuter.

POLES AND CZECHS COLLABORATE

FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE CLOSE COLLABORATION EXISTING BETWEEN POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY.

The Polish Staff College, which is for both Polish and Czech officers, will have lecturers experienced in both armies.

HE IS LORD REITH NOW

Sir John Reith, who was created a baron when he was appointed Minister of Works and Buildings and First Commissioner of Works, has chosen as his title Baron Reith of Stonehaven in the County of Kincardine.

ALL NOT WELL IN CURIOUS MARRIAGE

NATURALLY ALL these Tass dementis give reasons for the supposition of disturbances in the curious mind marriage begun in 1939, says the Swedish newspaper "Gothenburg Handelstidning" commenting on Russian-German relations.

There is not the slightest doubt that there exists in a deep and very high degree realistic political differences about the interests between the partners, above all as regards the Balkan problem, especially as it has now come to the dangerous neighbourhood of the Dardanelles.

The paper continues by saying that Democracy's final victory is certain.

It is easy at the start of a war to say it is going to be short but it is easy for a nation with the whole world's resources behind it to prevent it being short.

Another Waterloo

Bombing will rain over the Continent day after day, night after night and year after year until the Continent is ripe for reception of an elite army if necessary.

It remains to be seen if another Waterloo is necessary. As long as the Home Fleet is very strong and

SEES BRITAIN FOR NOTHING

A Canadian private, Joseph E. Leeking of Toronto, is spending a fortnight's leave hitch-hiking alone to "see Britain" on a soldier's pay.

When he visited Halifax, he met the Chief of Police of Toronto, Colonel D. C. Draper.

He has been picked up in Rolls Royces and farmers' cars, Mayors or Lord Mayors of cities and towns through which he passes are signing his autograph book. So, too, are those who give him a lift, who include authorities, lieutenant-commanders of the Navy, and business men.

the R.A.F. and land forces sufficient, an invasion is doomed to failure.—Reuter

WILLKIE BACKING OF ROOSEVELT

American commentators are chiefly interested in the change in the discussions on the "Lease and Lend Bill" which may result from Mr. Wendell Willkie's broadcast, in which he said America should give the President all the powers provided for in the bill.

Mr. Willkie's announcement is regarded as particularly significant because it deals with the one aspect of the Bill on which there is any real divergence of opinion.

Opposition to the principle of aiding the Allies is negligible and what criticism there has been has been mainly against the enormous powers put in the hands of the President if the bill is passed.

The evidence given by Colonel Stimson before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives is also regarded as particularly significant, because Stimson is one of the Republican members in President Roosevelt's camp.

His firm statement that the bill would make the Government the sole distributor of U. S. arms, and his refusal to consider any clause forbidding the transfer of part of the U. S. Fleet is, it is believed, likely to make a deep impression on certain sections of the Republican Party.

AIR RAID HEROES DECORATED

Over 50 awards of the George Cross and the George Medal for heroism in the blitz were announced last night in London.

The recipients included doctors, nurses, policemen, rescue party members, firemen, telephonists, wardens and night porters from all parts of London, and the provinces which felt the stress of Nazi attacks on non-military objectives.

All risked death from bombs, masonry and burst gas and water mains to maintain services or rescue victims trapped in wreckage.

Albert Ernest Dolphin, hospital porter of New Cross, London, and John Miles, A.R.P. Warden, were awarded the George Cross posthumously.

Dolphin deliberately gave his life to rescue a nurse, while Miles disregarded a warning of an imminent explosion to warn people in houses.

The George Medals included a doctor, matron and nurse and others who displayed magnificent courage during the ruthless bombing of London hospitals as well as Coventry.

One O.B.E. hero, Edward Channing, A.R.P. Warden, handicapped by an artificial arm and a wound, cleared debris and rescued a woman and baby while bombs fell.—Reuter.

POPE BLESSES 200 ITALIAN OFFICERS

The Pope gave an audience to 200 Italian Army officers and said to them:

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BRITISH AID BILL WOULD NOT LEAD U.S. TO WAR

MR. HENRY L. STIMSON, U.S. Secretary of Army, said in Washington yesterday that the suggestion that the Lease and Lend Bill was so drawn as to permit the purchase by the United States of the British and French navies was "preposterous and fantastic."

Mr. Stimson was continuing his evidence before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

IS BUTTER GIFT LEGAL?

Are gifts of butter from Ireland in accordance with the terms of the rationing order? The "Law Journal" says:—

"Lord Woolton has brought forth butter in a lordly dish, saying that bona fide unsolicited gifts whether they include rationed foods or not, may be received from abroad by parcel post provided they are addressed to individuals."

"We are sure that when the Minister made this decision, butter would not have been seen to melt in his mouth."

"But the curious will remember that under the rationing order it is an offence to obtain or attempt to obtain, or to supply or attempt to supply, any rationed food in excess of the ration."

"It might be argued that a man who wrote to a friend in Ireland, merely acquainting him with the Minister's decision and not a word more, was guilty of attempting to obtain."

"But the man who argued thus would be a churlish, ungrateful fellow, not knowing which side his bread was buttered, and deserving to eat margarine in silence for the duration."

OBJECTOR IN JOB, SO 14 RESIGN

Because a twenty-year-old conscientious objector was accepted as an ambulance driver at Dartford Rural Council's A.R.P. post at Riseley, Farningham, Kent fourteen other members of the post have resigned.

One of them, Mr. C. F. Roberts, said:

"We have no personal axe to grind against the young man, but after a meeting between ourselves we felt we could not work with a conscientious objector who after being excused military service, was earning much more than a serving soldier—£3 5s. a week."

When we forwarded a petition to the council to this effect we were told to take a week's notice, and that expired on Saturday.

Captain C. S. Bignell, A.R.P. controller for the Dartford Rural Council, said: "I think the men have been misguided. They were not sacked. They resigned. We are keeping the services of the conscientious objector and are reorganising the post. We hope some of the men will return."

Declaring that no American President had ever pushed the country into war Mr. Stimson said Congress could safely vest in President Roosevelt the broad responsibilities proposed in the Bill, including the President's discretion in determining which nations the United States might aid.

Replying to enquiries by a Representative he gave his opinion that the Lease and Lend Bill would not lead the United States into war.

"Very Probably"

The questioner asked whether the aid envisaged in the Bill was necessary to prevent the defeat of Great Britain.

Mr. Stimson replied: "I think it very probably is."

A Democratic Representative asked: "Is it your opinion that sooner or later, if Britain falls we would be in the war with our loans and our man-power?"

Mr. Stimson replied: "That is my opinion."

Previously Mr. Stimson had rejected as "dangerous" a suggestion that the broad powers proposed for President Roosevelt should be vested in a board or commission, but said he had no objection to a limit of two years on the President's exercise of these powers.—Reuter.

LEAKAGE OF SUPPLIES TO GERMANY

The question of Russian purchases in the United States and the consequent possible "leakage" of supplies to Germany through the Pacific has been raised at various times during Anglo-American conversations.

Mr. Cordell Hull revealed this at a press conference yesterday but added, however, that he had no information concerning the proposal for the establishment of a British contraband control base in the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

KEY TO THE FUTURE

"Decans, industrialise your country and the key to the future will be in your hands," said Sir Alexander Roger, Chairman of the British Supply Commission, speaking at Hyderabad yesterday. "Your helping England to win the war will help you and your country. We shall do our best to help India put up her best war efforts." — Reuter.

TUBE TO RUN IN ALERT

The practice of closing "flood-gate" stations on London's underground railways during alert periods is to be modified. In future they will be closed only at certain times and under certain conditions.

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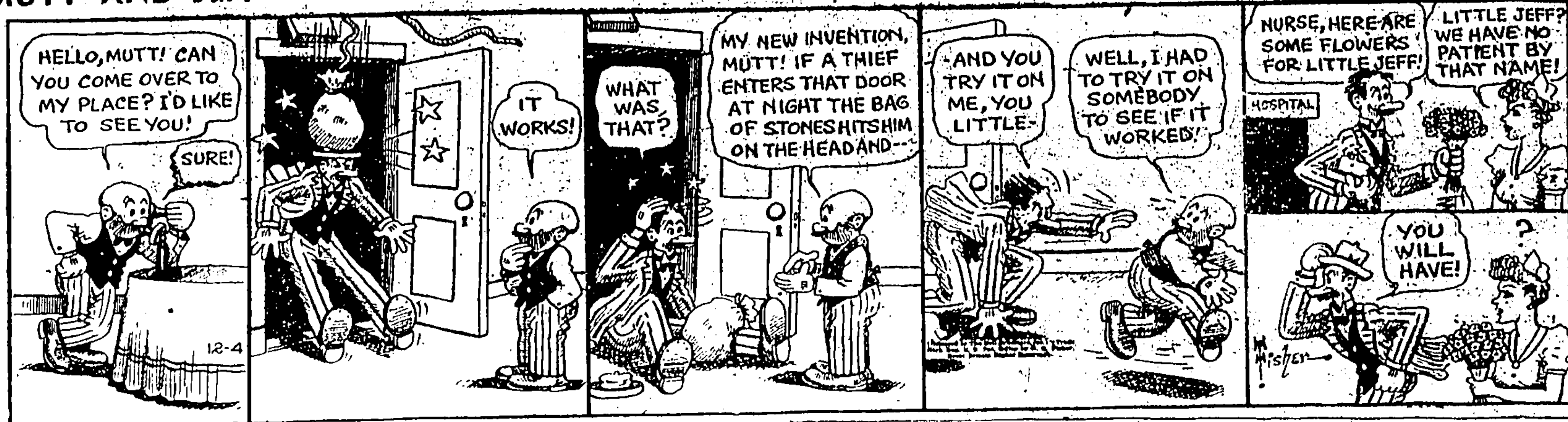
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BOMB CAUSED "BONFIRE"

When Alfred King, an Essex farmer, was accused at Southend of permitting a bonfire to burn during the black-out, he produced to the Bench a section of an incendiary bomb.

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Forged Malaya \$1 currency notes bearing various serial numbers between B/36 and B/42 and forged Malaya \$5 currency notes bearing various serial numbers between A/33 and A/37 have appeared on certain markets.

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Should any information regarding such notes come to the knowledge of the public they are invited to communicate with the Police.

BOMB VICTIMS HAVE MUSIC

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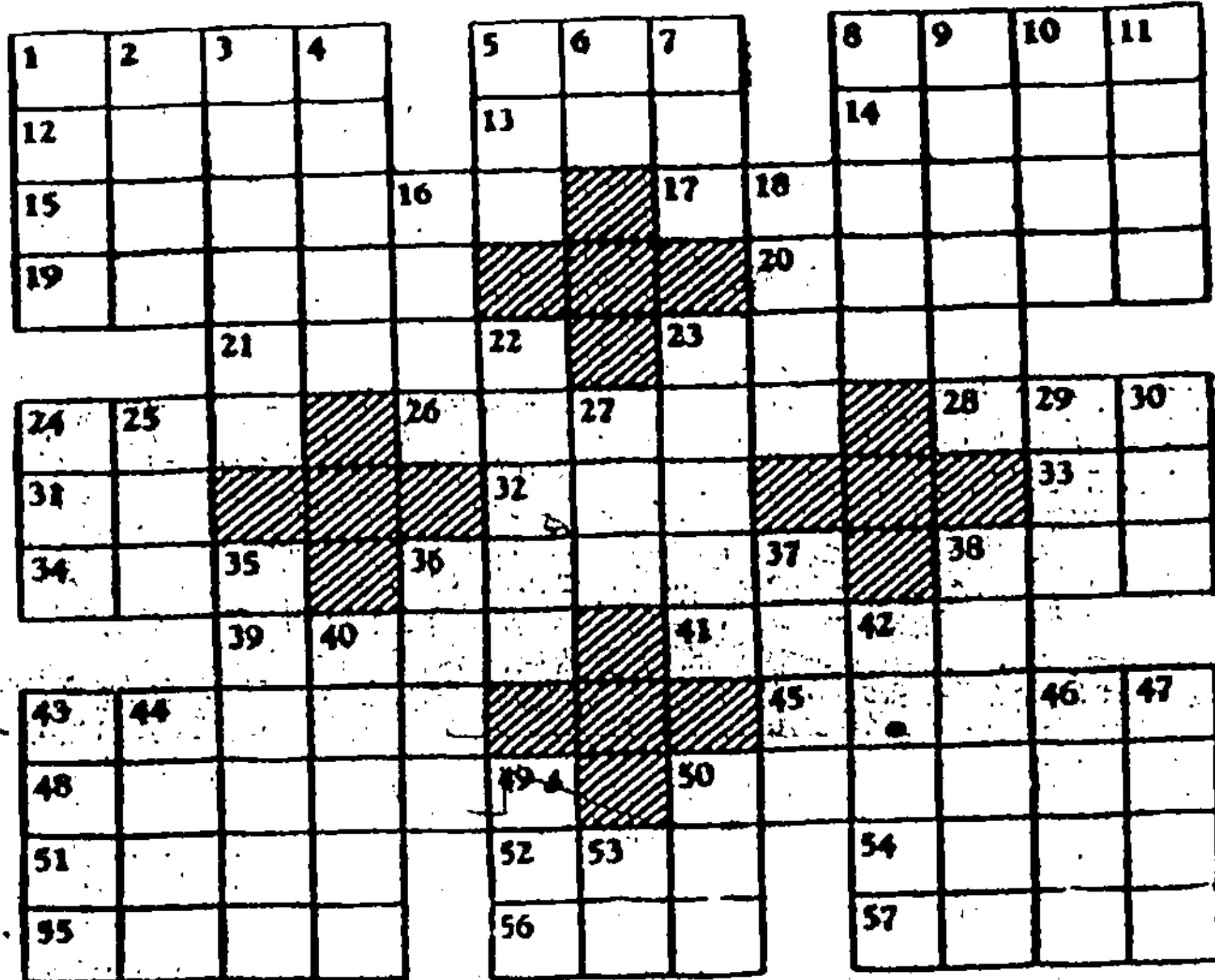
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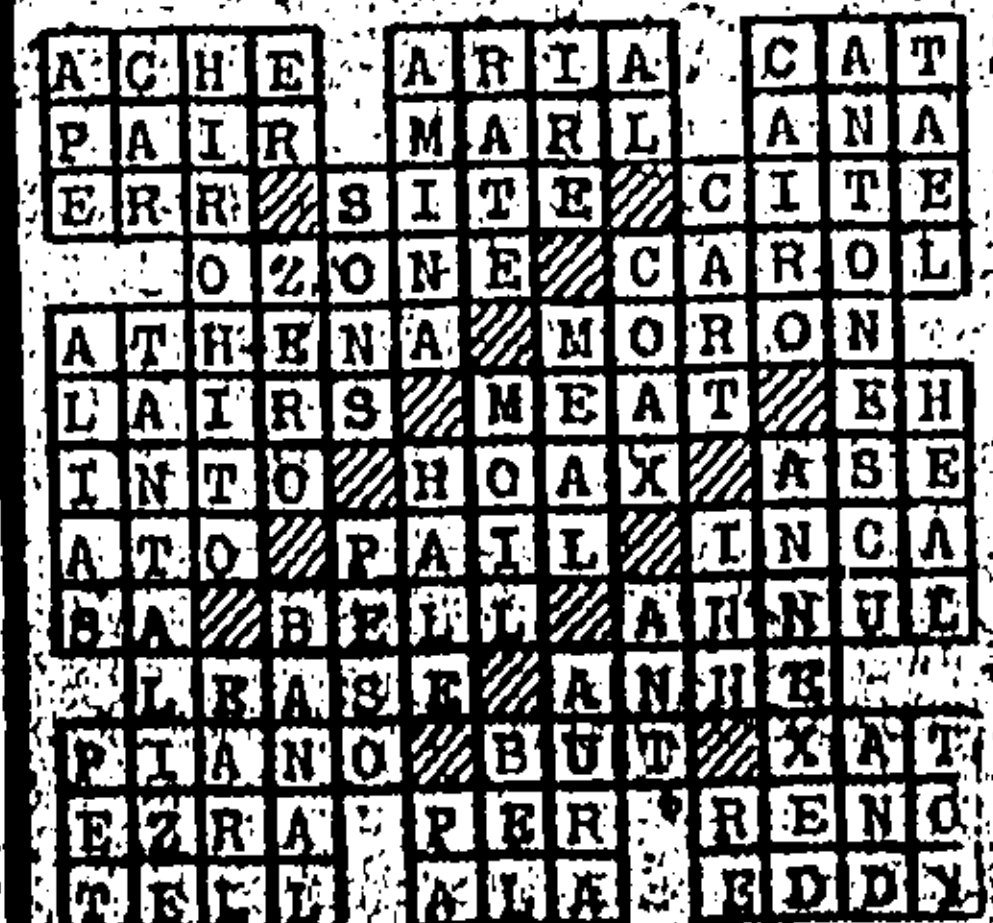
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- 5 Solo
- 9 Spiteful woman
- 12 Couple
- 13 Poetic: the earth
- 14 Literary scraps
- 15 To be mistaken
- 16 Location
- 17 To quote
- 18 Blue gas
- 20 Ex-king of Rumania
- 21 Goddess of Wisdom
- 23 Fool
- 24 Den
- 25 Substance
- 26 What?
- 28 Preposition
- 29 Practical joke
- 30 Ibsen character
- 31 Philippine island ward division
- 32 Bucket
- 33 Egyptian
- 34 Symbol for sunburn
- 35 Make time on shipboard
- 36 To render void
- 37 Contract
- 38 Last of the Stuart sovereigns

- 40 Music: soft
- 41 Yet
- 42 Indian pillar
- 43 Man's name
- 46 By
- 47 City in Nevada
- 48 Swiss legendary hero
- 49 Wing
- 50 Whirlpool

VERTICAL

- 1 To imitate
- 2 Vehicle
- 3 Emperor of Japan
- 4 Teutonic deity
- 5 "Arabian Nights" character
- 6 Fee
- 7 Anger
- 8 Mulberry
- 9 City in Egypt
- 10 Rumanian premier
- 11 Chinese coin
- 16 Offspring
- 17 Wagon
- 19 Nothing
- 20 To urge
- 21 Also-called
- 22 To tease persistently
- 23 Repast
- 25 To drudge
- 27 To cure
- 29 Sound
- 30 Attached
- 32 Mexican coin
- 33 Tavern
- 34 Trilla
- 35 Enigma
- 36 Nobleman
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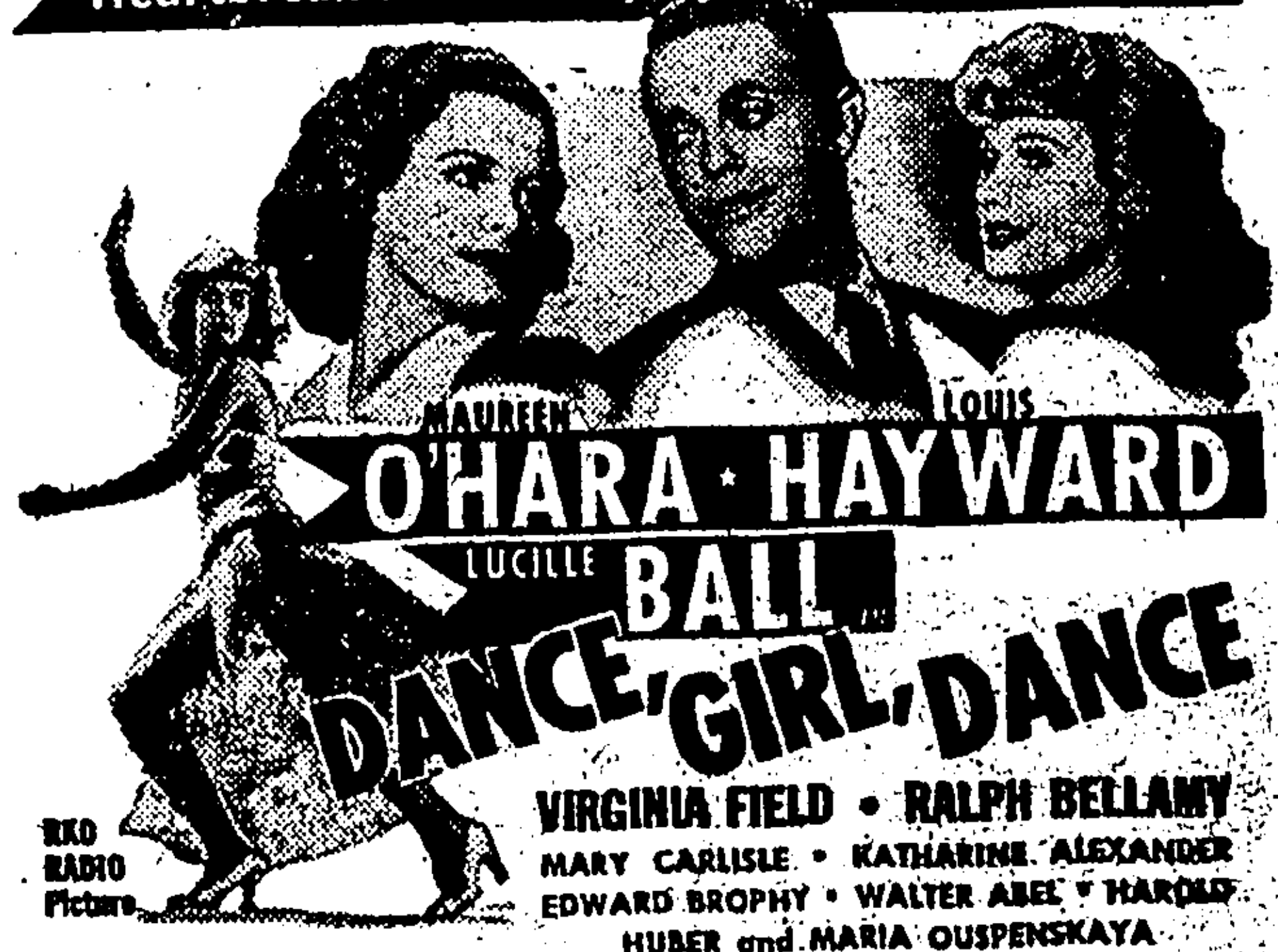


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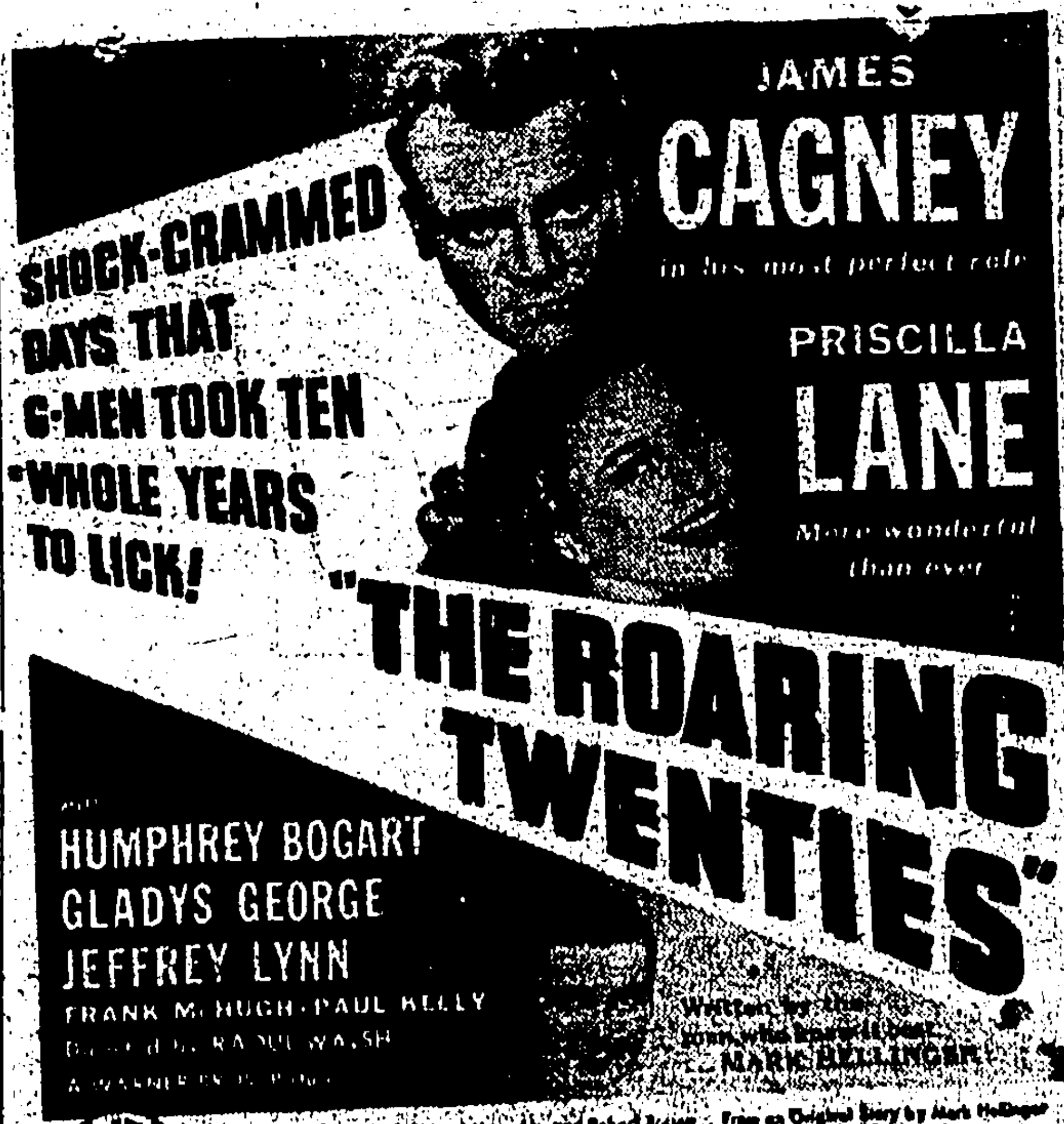
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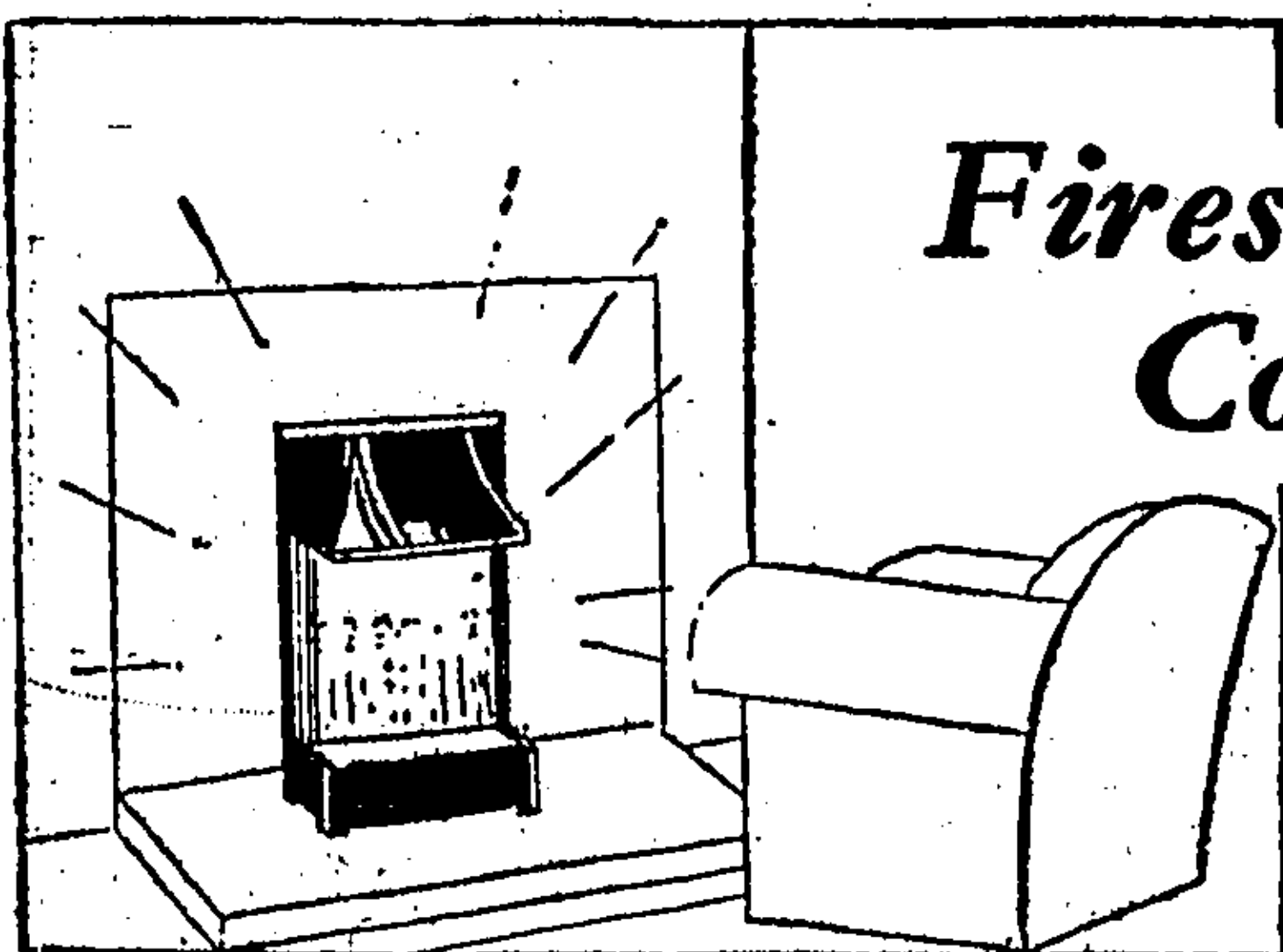
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YOUNG NURSES' BRAVERY IN RAID RESCUES

(By A Special Correspondent)

PROBATIONER NURSES of 18 played an heroic part in the rescue work when a hospital in South-East England was twice bombed during the night.

High explosive bombs cut through part of the kitchen quarters, affecting wards on both sides, and damaged other parts of the hospital. One nurse, Sister Hooker, was killed, five of the staff were injured and several elderly patients died from shock.

Immediately after the bombing the nurses on duty, medical students and porters set to work to remove the patients from the damaged wards to another part of the building, and they were quickly joined by the nurses and other staff members off duty.

While they worked German bombers were continuing to fly overhead and splinters from A.A. shells were falling. On all sides I heard the remark: "The nurses were wonderful."

Later the staff were joined by A. R. P. and A. F. S. workers from a neighbouring town and by about 50 members of the Home Guard. After their arrival another raider dropped an oil bomb, but this was quickly extinguished.

Matron's Praise

The night matron said that the majority of the nurses were probationers, aged about 18, who were undergoing training.

"They carried on with the work of removing patients with a coolness and courage that words cannot describe," she said. "A special word of praise has to be given to the night nurses, who, after all the excitement, had to look after the patients for the rest of the night while German planes could be heard passing overhead."

"One of the porters worked particularly hard throughout the night, and it was only this morning that we discovered he had been injured but had still carried on."

"Get Down"

"When I heard the first bomb drop I ran to see what had happened. As I was leaving a doorway I heard something falling and a nurse caught hold of my arm and said: 'Matron, get down.' I got down on the ground and was covered with sand and earth thrown up by the bomb, which fell a few yards away alongside the wall of the hospital."

A patient said: "First of all a series of incendiaries dropped, and then I should think three bombs. I know Sister Hooker," he added. "She was a dear soul."

THEY PLAN SABOTAGE IN AFRICA

South Africans have been warned against an organisation called Ossewa Brandwag, which is planning sabotage and seeking to undermine the loyalty of the defence forces and the police.

Mr. H. Lawrence, Minister of the Interior, said the Ossewa Brandwag started in 1930 as a cultural organisation, but has since become secret and military in character.

The wild and extreme men of the organisation are, he explained, getting out of hand. Most of the persons found by the police to be in illegal possession of bombs and other explosives are members of the Ossewa Brandwag.

Secret Oath

The Government, he continued, has evidence of the intention of certain members to commit sabotage and there have also been attempts at infiltration into the police and railway service and the defence forces.

Attempts have also been made to obtain important information and get control of munitions.

He said the organisation was based on the "Commando system," members being required to take an oath which was shrouded in secrecy.

A warning that the Government would unhesitatingly use the powers conferred upon it by the War Measures Bill to deal with people who inspired anti-British feeling or hampered South Africa's war effort was given by General Smuts, the Prime Minister, in the House of Assembly—Reuter and Associated Press.

She was killed in the kitchen while putting a meal on a tray for a patient.

One nurse was blown through a doorway on to a stove. Her clothing was burned but she was unhurt.

RAIDERS BOMB 25 CHURCHES

Military objectives bombed by the Luftwaffe (Goering says they don't aim at anything else) include twenty-five churches, ten hospitals and eighteen famous buildings, among them the House of Lords, Harrow School, the British Museum and the Zoo.

Here is a list, issued by the Ministry of Information of places hit in the past nine weeks:—

Ten Hospitals

Charterhouse Clinic, Great Ormond Street, London Hospital, Queen Mary's Hospital, St. Bart's Medical School, St. Thomas's Swiss Relief Centre, St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Ford's Hospital (Coventry), American Ambulance Unit (Tunbridge Wells).

Twenty-Five Churches

Westminster Abbey; St. Paul's Cathedral; Canterbury Cathedral; Liverpool Cathedral, St. Martin-in-the-Fields; St. Clement Danes; St. Giles's, Cripplegate; St. Swinburn's, Cannon Street, St. Augustine, Watling Street; St. Boniface, Adler Street; St. Dunstan-in-the-East; St. Clement's, Eastcheap.

Jewin Chapel; Dutch Church, Austin Friars; Swedish Church, Rotherhithe; St. Magnus the Martyr; St. Mary-at-Hill; St. Mary Woolnorth; St. Margaret's, Westminster; Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road.

St. John's, Smith Square; St. John's Kensington; Our Lady of Victories, Kensington; St. Mark's, Regent's Park; Islington Parish Church.

Three Embassies

American (time-bomb removed) Japanese (evacuated), Spanish.

Four Palaces

Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace, Lambeth Palace, Eltham Palace.

Eighteen Famous Buildings

The House of Lords, British Museum, The Law Courts, Tate Gallery, Harrow School, Imperial War Museum, Somerset House, Wallace Collection, Burlington House, Tower of London, Westminster Hall.

Temple, Inner Temple Library, Stationers' Hall, Royal Hospital (Chelsea), Hogarth's House, Holland House, Radnor House (Twickenham), Statue of Richard Coeur de Lion.

Sixteen Public Buildings

Australia House, Bank of England (near), County Hall, Madame Tussaud's, National City Bank of New York, Public Records Office, South Africa House, University College Library, Yokohama Specie Bank, Y. M. C. A. Headquarters.

The Zoo, Argyle Theatre, Merseyside; Arts Theatre, Birkenhead; Birmingham Art Gallery, Birmingham Town Hall, Royal College of Surgeons.

Nine Newspaper Offices

Associated Press of America, Daily Herald, Daily Mirror, Daily Sketch, Daily Worker, Evening Standard, Glasgow Herald and Bulletin, London office, New Statesman and Nation, The Times.

Seven Stores

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ENEMY PROPAGANDISTS

Enemy propaganda is a never-failing source of amusement, and the latest efforts which they have put forward prove to be no exception to the rule. Thus according to a German message from Rome, quarters there stated that in the Mediterranean and North Africa the "British were obviously trying to start major offensives in numerous places." The reduction of Sidi Barrani, and Bardia, together with the investment of Tobruk are apparently attempts to start major offensives, and it may be remarked that if the capture of 80,000 prisoners and vast quantities of material are merely the endeavours to start something, it will be really interesting to see what will happen once they really get going. Goering while handing out a few bushels of medals to miners declared that "despite British raids, not a single armament factory of importance throughout the Reich had been put out of action, even if at this or that place bombs had caused temporary disturbances." Goering is a stout fellow and lies stoutly, but it is to be doubted whether he would make that statement in the Ruhr district or in the various industrial towns where the R.A.F. have inflicted widespread damage and reduced essential war production. Then again another message from Milan states that Italy has given a prize to be known as the "Trophy of Genoa" for competitions between Italy, Hungary and Germany in football, swimming, track and field athletics and bicycle racing. It is obviously something in the nature of what is vulgarly called a Dutch gift, for with the turn of speed which Italy has been showing on land and sea the trophy should remain permanently in Italian possession. Then of course there is the quaintly named German military commentator, Count von Stillfried, who has the following to say about the fall of Bardia: "The British advance along the Libyan coast came to a standstill on the frontier of Cyrenaica, after the British had merely recovered terrain lost by them previously as a result of Marshal Graziani's advance." It is just that type of standstill which has taken British troops past Bardia and as far west as Gazala all of which territory is in Libya and obviously not previously lost to Graziani by the British. Then, of Bardia the worthy commentator continues "Thus one might say that the defender of Bardia, General Bergonzoli, fought a successful 'delaying' action which enabled the Italian high command to reorganise its forces. General Bergonzoli himself succeeded in evading capture." All that need to be said about this rich piece of lying, is that if the Italians achieve only one or two more such actions they will have successfully secured a complete and utter defeat. General Bergonzoli did indeed evade capture simply by leaving his men in the lurch. But finally after much similar rigmorole he winds up with the following:—

Prestige successes in Africa may stimulate the morale of the British people, but will not in the least affect the general war situation; since the present war will be decided in the North and not in the Mediterranean. So at long last Count von Stillfried admits that after all the

German In War Has Always Been Barbarian

Blucher, the incarnation of Prussian militarism, was periodically subject, according to one historian, too "all sorts of strange fancies." At times he imagined, the same authority tells us, "that he had a live beast in his body."

Perhaps the Field-Marshal was not quite so mad as the historian appears to think. His delusion was both intelligible and symbolic. Germany has always had a live beast in its body politic. The beast was, and is, the Prussian Army. Its doctrines have worked such a corruption in the soul of Germany as to prostitute the German conception of law itself to the lust of conquest.

Shameless Atrocities

Nothing has been more characteristic of that decadence of the German mind and character—which in the evening of his day filled even Treitschke, the life-long apologist of German ruthlessness, with misgiving, when it was too late for misgiving—than the ferocious castidity with which the modern school of German lawyers set themselves to sap and mine the very foundations of international law.

The time-fuse they invented, to "go off" at the appropriate moment, was the doctrine, peculiar to German lawyers, of "necessity"—the sort of necessity that knows no law.

The date of its first appearance in German text-books suggests something very like collusion between the German General Staff and these "barrack-room lawyers," as they have been aptly called. When the great explosion of 1914 occurred the doctrine was there ready to the hands of the German armies to justify, or rather to excuse, every outrage they committed.

And so now. The outrages committed by the German forces in the present war are almost identical with those they committed in the last except that they are even more atrocious; the excuses with which they are accompanied are exactly similar except that they are even more shameless. Mr. Churchill, in a flash of genius, divined this when he declared the present war to be "a continuation" of the last.

Terrorising Civilians

"Totalitarian" war is an idea that did not originate with Hitler, still less, as has lately been suggested, with a book published by Ludendorff in his dotage under the title of "Der Totale Krieg." It is extremely foolish, indeed dangerous, to treat that book as an eccentricity of its author, peculiar to himself. Its sinister doctrines can be traced much farther back in the archives of the

British and their Allies have been achieving successes in Africa, successes which do nothing to help Italian morale which is now at a remarkably low ebb. Fortunately it is noted that the Italian fashion industry has not been hampered by the war, and two big fashion shows are to open in Turin and Milan on February 3. Amongst the more notable exhibits it is to be believed will be new models in stream-lined shorts, which the Greeks would probably like to copy in order to keep pace with the Italian "come-back" into Albania. In any event a couple of fashion shows ought to do wonders in the way of keeping Italian spirits up, and should prove an inspiration to the Germans who have filtered, and are still filtering, into Italy.

Nazism is Merely the Inheritor of the Ruthless Prussian Principle that "Necessity"

Knows No Law

By Brig-Gen J. H. Morgan, K.C.

German General Staff, particularly the design of conscripting the civil population.

Not is the barbarous idea of making war upon the civil population of any country with which Germany is at war an after-thought of the Nazi creed. Still less is it a kind of offshoot of the invention of the bombing aeroplane. It had been taught a century ago in the Prussian Staff College, the Kriegsakademie in Berlin, ever since its foundation, and practised, in one form or another, by the Prussian General Staff in every campaign since 1814.

Clausewitz, the idol of each succeeding generation of German staff officers, laid down that every means is legitimate to break the spirit (der Geist) of the people of an enemy country if "necessary," and the German armies have always been notorious for their brutal application of his teaching.

It is, in fact, a complete delusion to suppose that the German Officers' Corps is, or ever was, a corps of "perfect, gentle knights" who view with distaste the atrocities practised by the Gestapo. Professional jealousy, not moral distaste, is the true explanation of any such antipathy, if such there be.

In peace-time a German officer enjoyed exclusively the prerogative of cutting down with his sword any unarmed civilian if he considered himself affronted, and in war-time of ordering his men to shoot, under pain of being shot themselves, any civilian whether at home or in occupied territory whose looks he did not like.

No court in Germany could or would try him for murder in either case. In March, 1920, when serving on the Disarmament Commission in Berlin, I saw German officers order their men to shoot down inoffensive German civilians in hundreds merely because the trade unions had paralysed with a general strike their treasonable attempt to restore the monarchy.

Four hundred German officers were implicated in these bloody acts of violence, and not one of them was ever brought to trial. Nor were the men. It was all in the day's work.

The Unchanging Brute

"Take a Prussian," said a distinguished German scholar to my friend, Sir Frederick Pollock, to whom I owe the story, and put him into a blue coat with red facings and tell him to shoot his grandmother, and he will shoot his grandmother."

The German officer has always been proud of these prerogatives and naturally does not like to see them usurped by storm-trooper "toughs" who from his point of view are nothing better than civilians. For civilians, whether German or foreign, he has always felt the utmost contempt, and he only tolerated policemen so long as they treated him with the utmost obsequiousness, as indeed they always did.

The best corrective to any such illusions about the German officer is to study the story of his behaviour in time of war. In 1814 the cruelty and brutality of the Prussian officers on French soil filled Wellington with disgust; in

1847 their conduct in suppressing a constitutional agitation in Prussian Poland excited horror and dismay among the impotent Liberals all over Germany; in 1870-1871 their savage treatment of the "Home Guards" in France became a by-word in Europe; in 1914-1915 their butcheries of civilians, in order to terrorise the Belgian Army into surrender, were freely admitted in the official German White Book itself.

Violence Encouraged

Between the massacre of hundreds of men, women and children at Dinant in 1914 by shooting and the holocaust of thousands at Rotterdam and Tournai in 1940 by bombing there is nothing to choose either in the barbarity of the act or in the infamy of the excuse. In both cases the excuse took the form of a lie.

The explanation of Nazi brutality is very simple. The Nazis learnt their methods in the school of the German Army. Nearly all their leaders served in its ranks, many of them as N.C.O.s, and the brutality of the German N.C.O.s towards the men was nothing less than sadistic. It was not merely tolerated by the military hierarchy; it was encouraged. Their policy was that, if you want your men to be brutes in war, you must brutalise them in time of peace. The policy was successful.

So much for the German practice. It only remains to look at the theory. In the third quarter of the last century there was a consensus of European opinion in the direction of humanising the laws of war. A great German jurist of European reputation, Bluntschli, writing in the sixties, gave eloquent expression to the principle that the civil population was to be immune from violence. Bluntschli, however, was a Swiss by birth and much too humane to be regarded as a normal German.

This principle, formulated by the Declaration of Brussels in 1874, found expression in those Hague Conventions and Regulations which another jurist, a Russian, De Martens, succinctly described as a mutual insurance of the nations for the protection of their civil populations against the abuse of force in time of war.

Promise Soon Broken

They were saluted by an English jurist, Pearce Higgins, as "one of the greatest triumphs of civilisation in having brought about the distinction between the treatment of combatants and non-combatants" by securing the latter from the violence directed, as a legitimate operation of war, against them by the former. All the contracting parties, Germany included, agreed to issue to their armed forces instructions in conformity with these Conventions.

What followed is instructive. The British Government incorporated all the Conventions in the official Manual of Military Law, colloquially known to British officers as the Red Book, and devoted a chapter of the Manual to enforcing on all our officers the principles of the Conventions for strict observance in the field.

The German Government did exactly the opposite. It issued to all its officers a manual, the *Kriegsbrauch im Landkriege*, or German War Book, in which the Conventions were derided, in so many words, as the windy utterances of "sentimentalism and flabby emotion."

Ugly 1914 Memories

The German officer was warned against the contagion of humanitarian ideas, and, by a characteristically German debasement of the currency of human speech, was instructed that "the only true humanity" lay in being as inhuman as possible. Terrorism (Terrorismus) of the civil population was inculcated as a "necessity" of war.

Murder, lying, treachery, bribery and "fifth column" methods were expressly recommended and were justified by the amazing argument that, as international law did not explicitly forbid them, it must be taken to have implicitly sanctioned them.

All these doctrines were duly put into practice, with sadistic savagery, in 1914 by the German armies when they invaded Belgium. Even the German officers, the fine flower of *Grosslichterfelde*, the German Sandhurst, behaved with bestial obscenity, as many a British officer, billeted in Belgian and French chateaux after they had been hurriedly evacuated by German staff officers, can testify.

The German General Staff, with the utmost solemnity, paid a kind of lip-service to international law in a vain attempt to quiet the indignation of America and other neutral countries by accusations, wholly untrue in substance and in fact, against the Belgians of having violated those laws of war which the German War Book had so contemptuously repudiated.

But, just five years later, Bethmann-Hollweg let the cat out of the bag. Pressed by a Reichstag Committee, empanelled by the Weimar Republic in 1919 to inquire into the conduct of the war, as to why, when Chancellor, he had tolerated such iniquities, he informed the committee that the German G.H.Q. had disposed of his protests against the savage treatment of the civil population in enemy countries with the curt reply that "in war"—I quote from the official report of the evidence—the General Staff "must stop at nothing." It was the voice of tradition.

It will be seen, therefore, that "Hitlerism" in war is nothing new. During the years 1920-1928, when the Disarmament Commission in Berlin had Hitler and his furtive activities "under observation" in Bavaria, we all knew that Ludendorff's political founding had been put out to nurse by the Reichswehr officers quartered in Bavaria, who taught him all he knew.

He learnt from them to despise the teaching of the German War Book and pained off its doctrines on a credulous German public in an illiterate paraphrase known as "Mein Kampf." In him Prussian militarism, as it were, touched bottom. It has sunk to its lowest depths.

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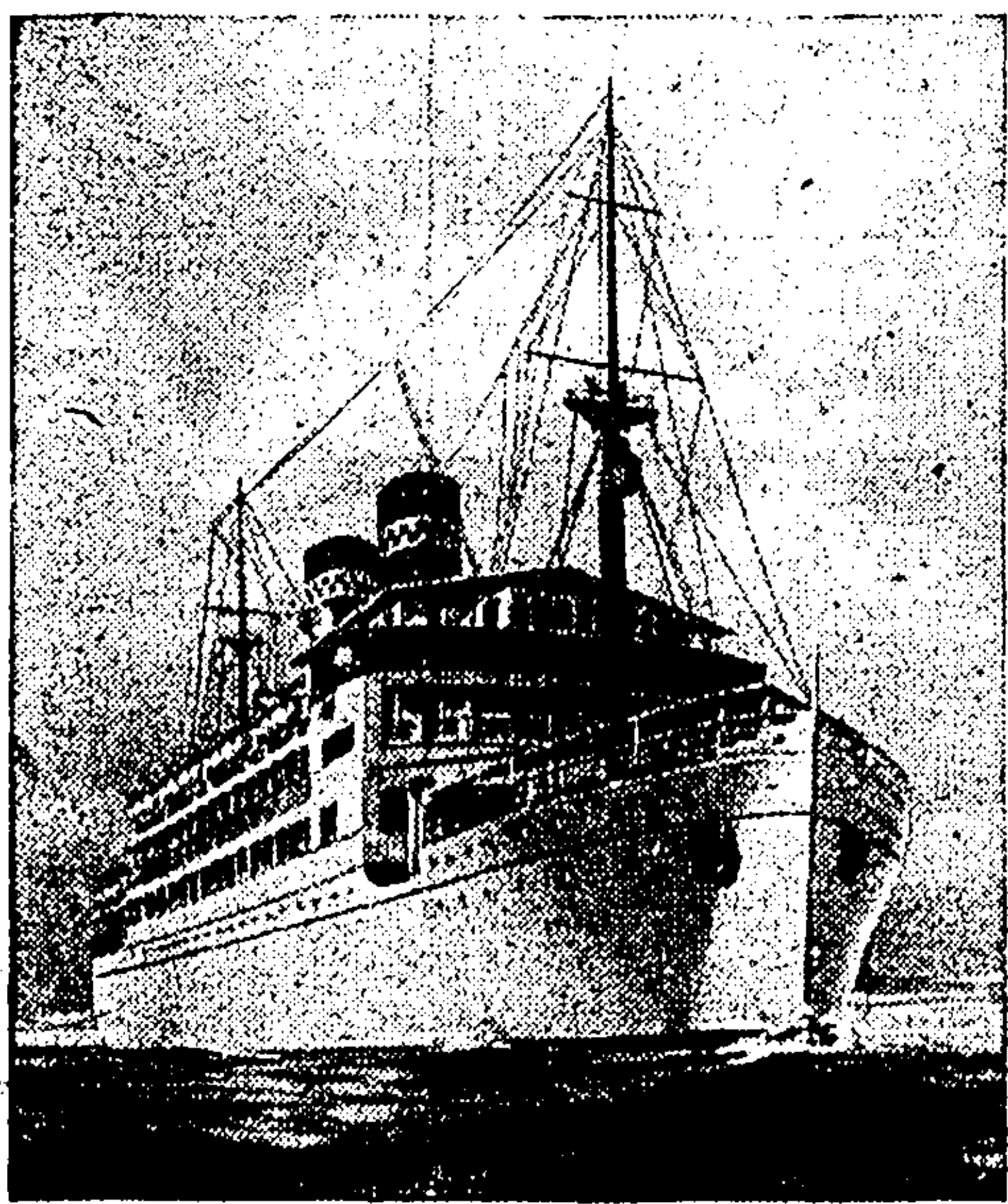
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RAIDERS' SOLE AIM TO SHAKE MORALE

(By An Air Correspondent)

RELIABLE EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE TO SHOW THAT GERMAN AIR STRATEGY IS NOW BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, AS FAR AS THE BOMBING OF LONDON IS CONCERNED.

The original purpose was, as in Belgium and France, to get the population of the towns on to the roads, where they would be exposed to machine-gunning and hostile action by parachutists, who would also have hampered communications in other ways.

This phase, intended to spread panic among the people and the authorities, was checkmated because the R.A.F. prevented it from developing and people obeyed injunctions to "stay put."

The present attacks are now known to be intended to break morale by producing an anti-Churchill reaction among the inhabitants of the poorer quarters of London.

The hope of invasion is not yet dead, but there will soon be a definite call for peace, though a conqueror's peace by the German people.

Crucial Phase

The immediate phase is recognised in Germany as a crucial one. Pilots are being told that the present form of savagery will be the kindest in the end, and that the Fuehrer understands their feelings, but he knows best, and they must obey.

Military, industrial and railway objectives are listed and explained, but it is made clear that they are secondary, and merely form a plan within a plan. If encountered they should be dealt with, but a bomb on an East End street is as good as one on the docks, perhaps better.

Poorly-Trained Crews

The pilots are not, however, their own masters; moreover, they are not all highly trained. There have been cases when such specialists as machine-gunners have been posted to the Luftwaffe service from other arms without their being consulted and sent up without training.

Unless a crew is composed of first-rate men, they succumb, on meeting with resistance, to the temptation to hover over the outskirts of London or over open country and drop their bombs there.

REMORSE AFTER SLAUGHTER

Nazis Get Drunk

German pilots who bomb British civilians are not proud of their exploits. Those interviewed by Richard Boyer, now writing a series of articles on his experiences in Germany, told him:

"We get drunk after our civilian bombings," one of them said. "We got drunk after Rotterdam. We didn't want to do it. It was all a mistake. If they had surrendered just 10 minutes before they did Rotterdam never would have been bombed."

German pilots expressed a healthy respect for the Spitfire, but nevertheless claimed that Germany had complete mastery of the air, only the stupid British would not recognise the fact.

"What can you do with people like that?" a pilot kept asking. The British were completely lacking in character. "It takes character, doesn't it, to admit you're beaten?"

MAYFAIR FLAT? —NOT ME!

Even people bombed out of their homes will not leave the Isle of Dogs for Mayfair.

"Well," she said, "whatever would I do with a flat in Eaton-square? Where do you think I should do me shopping —Harrods?"

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, told this story to the National Council of Women in London.

"We have large houses in Mayfair — whole strings of them — but you cannot persuade people to go," she said.

Miss Wilkinson said that when she was standing among the salvage from her own bombed flat the charwoman from next door sympathised and said: "Eh, Miss, when we get through all this shan't we be tough?"

Miss Wilkinson added that people with Anderson shelters must use them or surrender them.

Two million people, she said, are having to sleep outside their own homes and the question of deep shelters is under active consideration.

DUKE OF WINDSOR'S FRIEND

Captain Tom Hobbs, who died at Market Harborough, was the father of Mr. Reggie Hobbs, the racehorse trainer and grandfather of Bruce Hobbs, who won the Grand National on Battleship in 1938, when only seventeen.

Captain Hobbs, recognised as one of the finest riders to hounds in the country, was a personal friend of the Duke of Windsor when as Prince of Wales he hunted in Leicestershire.

"CRASHING THROUGH"

While a film called "Crashing Through" was being shown at a cinema in London, an incendiary bomb crashed through the roof.

It fell in the circle, but the audience remained calmly in their seats while the cinema's own fire man extinguished the bomb.

GESTAPO SPY ON CHILDREN

The scene is a kindergarten in Amsterdam the morning after the recent broadcast by Princess Juliana.

"How many of you listened to our beloved Princess's broadcast?" asked the teacher with a smile. Nearly every child in the room stood up.

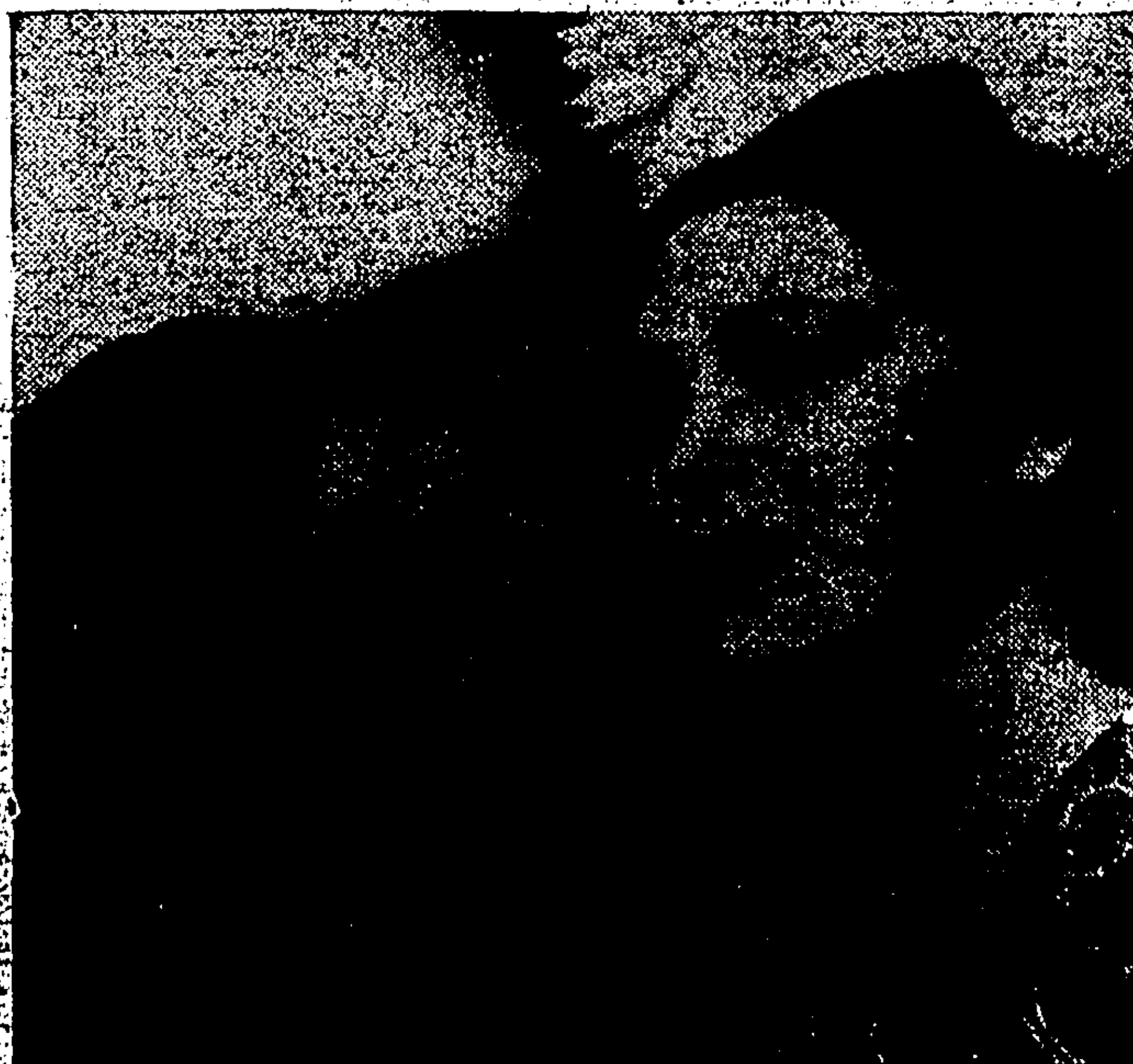
That night, according to reports which have reached the Dutch in London, the home of every child who stood up was visited by Gestapo agents and any radio set found in them was confiscated.

Grain Blazes

This is just one example of the growing activity of the Gestapo in Holland, in a vain attempt to quell the Dutch spirit and especially to wipe out Holland's "sixth column," a patriotic Dutch organisation which works in secret to sabotage the plans of the German invaders.

"The Germans have completely dropped their mask of friendliness towards us," says a source in Rotterdam.

Perhaps the fact that Amsterdam had the biggest grain warehouse fire in its history may have something to do with this. "The cause of this enormous fire is still officially 'unknown' in Amsterdam, but there are many, including the Nazis, who feel that a solution of the problem could be supplied without difficulty," says the "Frii Nederland," the Dutch newspaper published in London.



Arabian Nights, intrigue and splendour surround the Roman love story of John Justin and June Duprez in "Alexander Korda's Technicolour spectacle, 'The Thief of Bagdad,' coming to the King's Theatre next Saturday."

BRAVERY OF BRITISH A.R.P. WORKERS

BRAVERY OF UNPAID A.R.P. workers and civilians during the widespread raiding and sleeplessness has cheered the authorities throughout the country.

At the sound of the siren men and women have walked or cycled two or three miles to their posts while enemy aircraft were cruising overhead. After they have been dismissed on the "All clear" signal, many part-time workers have reached their homes only to hear the siren again.

But few of them disregarded the warnings. The majority set off again for their warden's post or A.F.S. station to stand by till the next "All clear."

Lord Dudley, Midland Commissioner for Defence, has sent a special message to people in the Midlands for their high spirits.

In the London area, workers, clerks and factory workers have just had enough time to get their breakfast after all-night duty before catching the early trains to the City.

"We need still more volunteers, an official at the Ministry for Home Security told a reporter. "Then it would be possible for these workers to arrange a rota—some would answer the siren warning one night, others the next night, so that all can get their rest."

"It is impossible for these volunteers to work night and day without sleep, so when conditions permit it they are allowed to return home to stand by."

Want To Work On

Meanwhile, although they do not lose any pay while sitting in shelters during raids, hundreds of girls working in Midlands munition factories are determinedly pleading with their employers to let them carry on.

At a big factory the directors were discussing a scheme to let volunteers carry on during a raid under the supervision of men who will immediately close down the shops and stop the machines when they hear the enemy is near.

An official said:

"The girls can sit in the shelters and smoke and read as much as they like, but they want to be at the benches. They don't mind how much they work during the day and night so long as they can have their Sundays free."

A special housewife service branch of the Midland Women's Voluntary Service is being formed.

Women have enrolled to help and cheer invalids, children and nervous women during raids.

Cooperating with air-raid wardens, they are going out during raids calling at homes to give any assistance they can.

QUEEN AMONG LONDON'S SIX BRAVEST WOMEN

ASKED BY Ralph Ingersoll, editor of "P.M." the New York daily news-magazine, to name London's six bravest women, the London correspondent of that paper cabled:—

The Queen (whose calm sharing of danger has been an inspiration to the nation).

Mrs. Scanlon, wife of the American General, Martin Scanlon, who is attached to the Embassy in London.

Hilde Marchant, "Daily Express" reporter.

Helen Kirkpatrick, American newspaper woman.

Maud Hall, chambermaid, and Ivy Hickson, cleaner, of the Waldorf Hotel.

Hilde Marchant interviewed the

Ivy, who lives in a heavily bombed district, sheltered each night in the crypt of a church where five were killed and 30 injured, when it was hit recently. With her husband's aid, she helped the lame, the young, and the sick, and then went

BRITISH CYCLISTS ATTACK ON CONTINENT

Britain already has begun to invade the continent, giving the Germans a quickie preview of the mass attack which the British have promised to deliver, cables a New York correspondent.

Before leaving England three weeks ago I learned from reliable quarters that the British carried out at least nine daring motorcycle raids within German-occupied France. Squadrons of 50 machine-gunning motorcycles were carried across the English Channel by trawler at night time. The uniformed "suicide cyclists" were to do these three things:

First, harass the Germans who are thinly strung out over a 1,000 mile coastline; second, to capture prisoners and gather first-hand information concerning the German lines; and third, to commit sabotage.

The raiders frequently do not return but the mere raids demonstrate German vulnerability and tend to keep the Nazis in a state of apprehension.

British military chiefs said the Germans have begun building defensive fortifications along the channel to ward off an English offensive on the continent. Some of the French Maginot Line big guns have been moved up to the coast.

'ARMoured CARS FOR MINISTER'

False U.S. Report

WHITEHALL HAS FOUND A LITTLE LIGHT RELIEF FROM THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF WAR. IT WAS PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN REPORT THAT THE FREQUENCY OF AIR RAIDS ON LONDON HAD COMPELLED ALL MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO USE ARMoured MOTOR-CARS.

The statement was made by Mr. William Hillman, European manager of Colliers Magazine, on his arrival in New York after flying the Atlantic with Mr. Kennedy, the United States Ambassador to Britain.

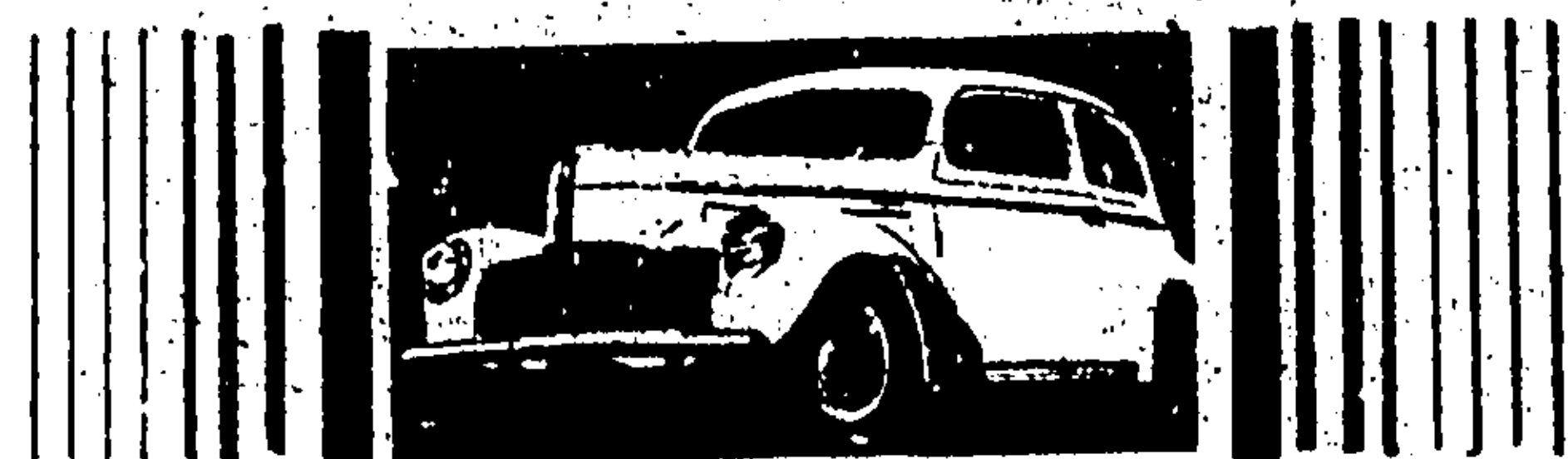
The fact is that no members of the Government use armoured motor-cars. Most of them have never seen such a car, and it is doubtful if one could be found in London.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Bridge Swindles—No. 22

By The Four Aces

West shouldn't have doubled the Slam to begin with (even though actually North had been guilty of overbidding); but having doubled, he should still have seen the jaws of the trap South set for him:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q J 9 7 5
♥ A K
♦ A 6 4 2
♣ K 7

♠ 6 5 2
♥ Q J 10
♦ K 7 3
♣ A 9 6 3

♠ A K 10 8 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ Q J 6
♣ Q J

The bidding:

South West North East

1♠ Pass 30 Pass

3NT Pass 6 Pass

Pass DBL Pass Pass

Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy winning with the King. South noted that he was practically bound to lose both a diamond and a club, so looked around for some way to eliminate one loser. After some thought, he entered his own hand with a trump and led the Jack of diamonds.

West quite properly played a low diamond, although covering with the King would have worked out better for him in this particular case. South's Jack of diamonds held the trick, and he then promptly led the Jack of clubs. West foolishly imagined that South intended to finesse against the club Queen, so played a low club to let his partner win a trick. Had West taken his Ace and exited safely with anything but a diamond, he would have defeated the contract; but his low club was fatal.

South promptly led to the heart Ace, returned with a trump, ruffed a heart in dummy, and then led out the rest of his trumps. West could keep only three cards, so had to blank the club Ace for fear of unguarding the King of diamonds. Thereupon South led a club, forcing West to win and return a diamond to the ten-ace in the North-South hands.

Yesterday you were David; Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 8 6 4

♥ A J 7 3

♦ 9 4

♣ 6 2

The bidding:

You Jacoby Burnstone Schenker

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

2♥ Pass 2NT Pass

(7)

ANSWER: Pass. You have no assurance that three of a major will be a better contract than two no-trump, and to bid would probably encourage your partner to go on to game. Since you have only a minimum opening bid and your partner's bids show only fair strength, there should not be a game.

Score: 100% for pass, 30% for three spades, 20% for three no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 617

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 8 6

♥ A J 9 5

♦ 10 9 7

♣ J 8

The bidding:

You Schenker Maier Jacoby

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

(7)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

BREN GUN REAL OLD FRIEND TO CZECHS

Czech Army chiefs welcomed the Bren gun as "an old friend" when they inspected equipment with which their forces now in Britain will be re-armed.

Actually the Bren gun is a Czech invention.

"We are very glad our troops will be able to use it again," said Lieut.-General Ingr, Czechoslovak War Minister, who watched the demonstration with Major-General Miroslav, Czech Commander-in-Chief.

"In France we had to use another type of gun which was not so good."

General Ingr was impressed, too, with Bren gun carriers on which he went "rough riding" over lumpy ground.

Staff officers and equipment experts of the Polish, Norwegian, Belgian, and Dutch forces were also present to see the equipment they will receive in the very near future.

In nearly every case their own kit was lost when their lands were over-run by Nazi hordes.

What they saw was familiar enough to British soldiers, but most of the staff officers found something new.

Enthusiastic

They were enthusiastic, too, about the quality of the material and the efficiency and discipline of the British troops who demonstrated the various arms.

General Freischer, in command of the Norwegian Forces, described the equipment as very good, and other officers of the Allied Forces were equally warm in their praise.

The French were not represented at the demonstration—for the very good reason that they are still using a great deal of their own equipment.

BURIED, GUIDES RESCUE

Gasping out directions to her rescuers as she lay with her dying husband under the wreckage of their bombed home in a south coast town, an elderly woman was saved after fifty men had worked for nearly three hours.

Her husband, a retired building contractor, was got out an hour afterwards. He died on the way to hospital.

"The woman's courage was marvellous," said a rescuer. "The couple were pinned under a dining-room table."

"We heard a man's voice crying 'Hurry up.' It was difficult to find them. The woman could be heard somewhere underneath the wreckage trying to guide us. Everybody kept quiet to listen. Again and again we heard that calm voice telling us where to look for them."

"We found her almost shoulder-deep in debris. We gave her coffee. She suggested an axe should be used. Directly she was pulled out her only complaint was that dust had got in her eyes."

Killed By Masonry

Regular and auxiliary firemen were killed in a school during intermittent night raids on London. Rescue parties found them dead, still on seats in front of the canteen bar. They had been trapped by falling girders and masonry.

One of the A.F.S. men, transferred to this sub-station, was to have announced his engagement the next day.

Members of the ambulance unit at the school had nearly all their ambulances destroyed.

One driver was taking firemen to hospital when a bomb blew off the roof of his ambulance. He continued his journey to hospital and, having handed over his patients, collapsed from shock.

SHELTER IS BABY'S 14- DAY HOME

A MOTHER WHOSE baby was born during a raid in a home-made shelter found it so comfortable that she is going to stay there until the child is a fortnight old.

Bombs were falling when Mrs. Betty Ceaplen, twenty-nine, of Brighton, went to the shelter which her husband had made under the garden shed in their back yard.

Baby was half an hour old when the "All clear" was sounded.

Mrs. Ceaplen told a reporter:—

"I went down into the shelter while my husband telephoned for nurse and it was born during the raid."

"I am content to do as nurse tells me, because she insists that I spend a fortnight in the dug-out with baby."

No Draughts

"My husband fixed up a bed for me while the baby was being born, and it is comfortable."

"There are no draughts because he has fixed up trapdoors to protect us."

"He spent a fortnight excavating and concreting the shelter, and I much prefer to stay in it than go indoors with baby."

Mr. Johnny Ceaplen, the husband said:

"I managed to rig up a bed for her, and underneath I have put a mattress for myself, so that I can sleep in the night to protect my wife and baby. During the day mother and I look after them when nurse is away."

Nurse Ryman said: "I have had some strange cases all over the world this is the strangest. Mother and baby are doing fine."

"The dugout will be their home. They are enjoying the fresh air for the next fortnight. After that Mrs. Ceaplen intends to sleep with the baby in the dug-out every night during the raids. She feels much safer there than indoors."

which were papers giving the pilot's name—Lieutenant Heinrich Werdemann.

Hours later, when questioned by the Wiltshire police, the officer of the German prisoners said he was Werdemann.

DORNIER RIDDLE

While every road in East Suffolk was being watched for four German airmen from a Dornier 17 which crashed on the mud flats of the River Stour, near Ipswich, three nights before police were looking for a German plane belonging to four airmen they had captured.

The puzzle for the police in these two distant counties was to connect the two reports.

All day Chief Constable Staunton of the East Suffolk police, waited for a phone call from the Wiltshire police to hear if their German prisoners were from this Dornier.

It is 160 miles flight from Wiltshire, and it did not seem possible that an empty Dornier could have blindly flown all that distance without mishap. But it did. The four airmen baled out from their Dornier at Chilmark East Knoyle, Hindon and Wylve—villages in the Wiltshire countryside.

Saw No Parachutes

Their machine flew on just so far as its petrol kept the engines turning. It came down at midnight nine miles from here hardly damaged, except for one or two bullet holes in its side.

A naval rating was first on the spot when the German plane crashed on the edge of the River Stour.

One or two bullet holes had penetrated the grey fabric here and there, but there is certainly nothing to show that the Dornier had been hit by anti-aircraft fire.

People in a village four miles away heard the plane flying very low. No one saw airmen baling out.

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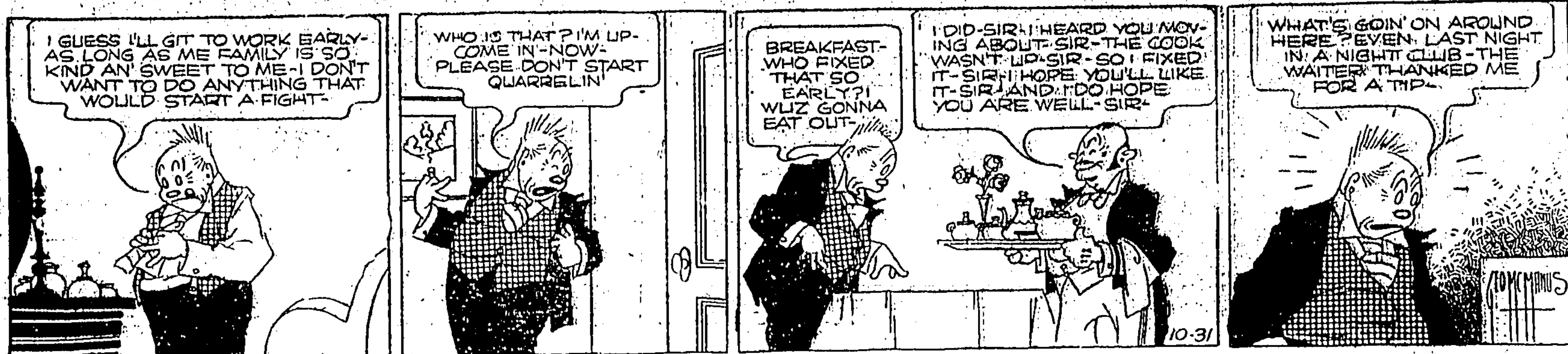
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Grace And Gratitude Are Essentials

To-day old and young females are going to get a piece of my mind for I am pretty tired of some feminine characteristics which men are supposed to condone or forgive, simply because it is the gentlemanly thing to do! I'm referring to selfishness, ungratefulness, gold-digging, cattiness and similar hard-hearted traits which some women consider smart.

If women expect men to be chivalrous and attentive, to treat them with kindness and generosity, they must be gracious in manner and grateful for favours bestowed.

These days are hard for all men. Business problems are general, the war is an eminent challenge, taxes are higher and gloom is like a fog over the whole country. To keep a sane balance men seek pleasure (as do women) and if they invite you to share their pleasure and you accept, you should at least voice your appreciation and be a pleasing companion by being well groomed, sympathetic, understanding and as gay as possible.

For Young Girls

If you were a man and invited a girl to dine and dance one evening and she accepted, and you called for her and took her to as nice a place as your budget could stand, wouldn't you expect her to look as attractive as possible (to prime your ego!), to act graciously and to thank you for a pleasant evening when you escorted her home? Of course you would! But alas, many girls do not measure up to this accepted standard of good behaviour.

Instead girls are not above "taking a fellow for a ride." They accept his invitation, insist upon going to a more expensive place than the man had anticipated, they chat at great length about other admirers, and they are so utterly selfish that they in no way attempt to be charming or entertaining. When they bid him good-night they grudgingly say a "thank you" or forget it altogether. No wonder men grow discouraged and choke down their



The girl who keeps herself nicely groomed and preserves a pleasing manner is always appreciated by the opposite sex. A cheerful direct personality is a greater asset than a wardrobe of fine clothes!

chivalrous inclinations and mutter—"Modern girls are out for what they can get not because they like a man!"

Older Women At Fault Too

As a woman grows older and trials and tribulations pile up, she is likely to grow sarcastic, selfish and catty unless she consciously makes an effort to hold onto herself. There is nothing as appalling as a disillusioned woman who bores her friends with catty remarks about others, who cannot be unselfish, and who acts as if all men owe all women generous attention. They take the attitude that "men are to be used"—men

should be nice to them no matter what their behaviour.

Of course, I realise that some men are hopelessly spoiled but if a woman accepts an invitation of favour from even a spoiled man she should be gracious to him. Most men respond like darlings to a little flattery, a little gaiety and pleasing feminine manners for she is infinitely more attractive and desired than the type of women we described above.

Let's make an effort to inspire the best in men. And let's try to help the men we love through this gloomy period of history. Keep yourself attractive, radiate charm, and vitality and be gracious. I'll miss my guess if your man doesn't respond by being most thoughtful of you!



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Qualification: Bdr. H. Y. Tang, 4th Bty., qualified as a Gun Layer. Dress for all day Parades: As usual.

1st Battery: Tues., 21st Jan., H.Q. 8 a.m. for D'Aguiar. Thurs., 23rd Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m., B.C.A. Class, those detailed. Dress—Mufti.

2nd Battery: Tues., 21st Jan., Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Layers & D.R.F. Class. Gun drill and Dummy Loader for those absent from parade on the 16th and for Recruits. Dress—Mufti, Overalls and S.D. caps to be carried.

Thurs., 23rd Jan., H.Q. 8 a.m. for Bluff Head.

3rd Battery: Mon., 20th Jan., St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps, web belts and frogs.

Thurs., 23rd Jan.: (i) St. John's Place, 8 a.m. All except D.E.L. (ii) St. John's Place, 2 p.m. D.E.L.

Fri., 24th Jan., St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. B.G.A. Class. D.E.L. School, 5.30 p.m. D.E.L.

4th Battery: Tues., 21st Jan., H.Q. 8 a.m. for Pakshawan.

5th A.A. Battery: Tues., 21st Jan., H.Q. 8.30 a.m., No. 1 Sec. for Saiwan; Tues., 21st Jan., H.Q. 5.30 a.m., No. 2 Sec. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs., 23rd Jan., H.Q. 8.30 a.m., No. 2 Sec. for Saiwan; Thurs., 23rd Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m., No. 1 Sec. Dress—Mufti.

Camp Pay: All members of the Bty. who have not collected Camp Pay must do so from B.S.M. McConnell at the Bty. Office, H.Q., between 5 and 6 p.m. on Tues., 21st Jan.

Field Company Engineers

Thurs., 23rd Jan.: (i) 8.30 a.m., K.C.R., Kit Inspection. Dress—Shirt, shorts, cardigans, S.D. caps, boots, hosiery and puttees. All spare clothing (less topees) must be carried in kit-bags. Jack-knives, pliers and "red books" must be produced by those in possession of same. (ii) 9 a.m., Nos. 1 and 3 Sections (less details) will carry on with Technical Training at K.C.R. under Section Officers.

No. 2 Section (plus details from Nos. 1 and 3 Sections) will proceed to Golden Hill for Technical Work under Captain Waddell.

Corns Signals

Mon., 20th Jan. H.Q. 5.20 p.m. (i) Unclassified Men, Lamp Read-

ing. (ii) 1st Year Men. Buzzer Practice and Procedure. (iii) 2nd Year Men, except N.C.O.'s. need not attend parade.

Wed., 22nd Jan., H.Q. 2 p.m.: (i) Classified men, Field Signalling exercise. (ii) Unclassified men, Signal training according to programme. (iii) Evening parade. Signal training as detailed.

Fri., 24th Jan., H.Q. 2 p.m.: (i) Mainland Section. Recce. (ii) Classified men, Field signalling. (iii) Unclassified men, Signal training according to programme.

(iv) Evening parade. Signal training as detailed.

Mobile Column

Mon., 20th Jan., Hung Hom, 5.30 p.m. All platoons. Driving instructions and Crew Drill.

Wed., 22nd Jan., Hung Hom, 7.30 a.m. Exercise New Territories. Dress—Bottle Order. R.T.R. cap.

Fri., 24th Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Squad drill.

Postings—Inter Platoon: 4687, Pte. H. Halsall, posted to No. 4 (M.M.G.) Pl. 2990, Pte. R. B. Sheehan, posted to No. 6 (M.M.G.) Pl.

No. 1 Company

Sun., 19th Jan., Kowloon Range, 9 a.m. Rifle courses A & B. Dress as for Monday parades, less water bottle and haversack. Rifle to be drawn on Saturday morning.

Range Officers—Lt. Ferguson and 2/Lt. Redman.

Mon., 20th Jan., H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Platoon Areas. Dress—as usual.

Tues., 21st Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those drafted from Training Cadre. M.G. instruction. Coy. H.Q. Staff and Kai Tak Platoon. L.G. instruction. Remainder, preparation for T.O.E.G.D.

Fri., 24th Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as for Tues., 21st Jan.

No. 2 Company

Sun., 19th Jan., Stonecutters M.G. Part II. All men who did not fire this course in October last must do so on this date. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.15 a.m. and Police Pier, Kowloon at 8.25 a.m. Dress—Mufti. Equipment must be worn. Range Officer—Lieut. E. M. Bryden.

Mon., 20th Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Course.

Wed., 22nd Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. M.G. and L.G. training.

Fri., 24th Jan., Details same as previous week i.e. H.Q. 7.30 a.m., Kowloon Railway Station 8 a.m.

No. 3 Company

Mon., 20th Jan., H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress—As usual, Nos. 10, 11, 12 Platoons, slings and frogs.

Tues., 21st Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Training Cadre. Those detailed.

Thurs., 23rd Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Kit Inspection.

No. 4 Company

Mon., 20th Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company training will be resumed. Training as per programme.

Wed., 22nd Jan. All day training: (i) Nos. 14 and 15 Platoons. H.K. men, H.Q. 7.30 a.m. Kowloon men, Kowloon Railway Station, 8 a.m. (ii) No. 13 Platoon, H.Q. 8.15 a.m. Dress for all—Bottle Order with S.D. caps.

Fri., 24th Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company training as per programme.

No. 5 Company

Mon., 20th Jan., Kowloon Railway Station, 8.30 a.m. Dress—as before.

Tues., 21st Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Sections. Stripping and assembling. Remainder—Elementary stripping.

No. 6 Company

Tues., 21st Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed.

Fri., 24th Jan., H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress—As before.

No. 7 Company

Mon., 20th Jan., H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. instruction, T.O.E.T. N.C.O.'s. Class. Map reading instruction.

Tues., 21st Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Training Cadre Course. All N.C.O.'s. detailed. Dress—Overalls, S.D. cap, web belt and frog. Rifle-slugs.

Fri., 24th Jan., H.Q. 8.15 a.m. All day training. Dress—Shorts, shirt, cardigans, boots, puttees, S.D. cap. Webbing equipment. Anti-gas respirator.

Army Service Corps Company

Sun., 19th Jan., H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Transport Section. Whole day exercise. Dress—K.D. jacket, trousers, S.D. cap, belt, boots, steel helmet. Cardigans to be worn under tunics. Haversacks and waterbottle to be brought.

Mon., 20th Jan.—Sat., 25th Jan. inclusive. Transport and Supplies Sections for duty as detailed under

Company arrangements. Dress—

K.D. jacket, trousers, S.D. cap, belt, black boots.

Duty Officer—Capt. A. H. Potts.

Thurs., 23rd Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Whole Company. Map revision. Those detailed. Squad drill. Those detailed. Dress—Overalls, S.D. cap, boots.

Field Ambulance

Wed., 22nd Jan., H.Q. 2 p.m.—10 p.m. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, belt, water bottle (filled), cardigan, mess tin, knife, fork and spoon, haversack and steel helmet (slung on left shoulder).

Mon., 20th Jan. All box respirators not yet in store must be returned at 5.30 p.m.

Pay Section

Fri., 24th Jan., Garrison School, 2.30 p.m. Dress—Mufti.

Fortress Signal Company

Tues., 21st Jan. and Thurs., 23rd Jan., H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. revision. Squads as arranged by C.S.M.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFFILIATED UNIT

NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D.C.

Monday, 20th Jan. Advanced lecture. Military Hospital, 5.30 p.m. For Office Workers. Transport leaves Queen's Pier, 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 22nd Jan. Home Nursing Lecture. Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m. Practical Class, 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, 23rd Jan. Advanced Lecture. Military Hospital, 3 p.m. For Non-Office Workers. Transport leaves Queen's Pier at 2.45 p.m. via H.Q.

Friday, 24th Jan. First Aid Lecture. P.W.D. Board Room, 5.45 p.m. Practical Class, 5 p.m.

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A famous theatre, destroyed by incendiary bombs, is to be rebuilt under the ruins to keep the business going and "keep it in the family."

The Argyle Theatre, Birkenhead— you've heard it on the radio—has been run by one family since it was built seventy-two years ago.

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When the building was fired Tom and his brother Gerald, with A.F.S. men, the theatre staff and a gang of willing friends, fought desperately amid falling shrapnel to save the family heritage.

Housewives Help

Next morning sympathetic housewives brought brooms and buckets and swept away the flood of water.

But Tom went sadly home. As he fondled Roger's flaxen hair wistfully he had an inspiration. "After getting permission, I will convert the cellars into an auditorium, foyer, stage and dressing-room. I shall build over them a blast and splinter proof concrete 'roof' two feet thick," he said.

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HE MISSES THE BLACK-OUT

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ST. JOSEPH'S HITTING SHOULD BE TOO MUCH FOR CYCLONES

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Herbie Quon A Catcher!

By "Grandstand"

HEAD-LINING THE senior loop three-game programme, the St. Joseph's-Cyclones clash slated for 2.45 p.m. should be the most interesting game of the week-end.

Although the Cyclones are definitely out of the pennant race, they are determined to win this game in order to finish in the top half of the League standing, and, whilst the Collegians are definitely the heavier sluggers, the Cyclones are the best defensive players in the loop, as evidenced by the fact that they managed to win several tight games in the beginning of the season with Pinky Pineda, an inexperienced pitcher, who is satisfied just to toss them over.

However, for to-morrow's encounter, mentor "Sunburn" Omar has decided to start speed-ball artist, "Kelly" Silva-Netto, with Skelly Razack catching. The other members of the infield will be Markar Jr., first-base, A. A. Abbas, second-base; Sherry Bux, third-base; and Ahdor Rumjahn at the short-stop gap.

The Saints, who are making a bid for the gonfalon, being at present tied with the Mohawks for the lead, will be putting out their best, and manager "Choppy" Omar will start first-string battery of Frankie "Bashful" Gonzales and Hal Winglee. "Powerhouse" Stan Leonard, "Ozo" Ozorio, George "No-Hit" Souza, and Dave Leonard will be cavorting around the bases, with Henry "Shoestring" Ali, Jindoo Hussain and Ski Powlawski out in the garden.

The decision should be very close, but the Saints have the slight edge in heavier stick-work.

You can't win games without hitters, and that's just what the Cyclones haven't got.

Umpires for this game will be Harry Campos, Vancy Marques and Bill Woo.

Crary Doubtful Starter

At 1.30 p.m. the Filipinos take on the Chinese Baseballers. It is not quite sure whether Den Crary, ace-hurler for the Lumen, will be available, but that shouldn't worry anybody, except, maybe, the Filipinos, as the Baseballers are tipped to take this game.

In Crary's absence, George "Horse-shoe" White will probably take over the pitching assignment with Nip Lum hind-sneaking, whilst Tatong Amper and Bob Laurel will form the battery for the Islanders.

Arbitrators will be "Doc" Molthen, Stan Leonard and "Sunburn" Omar.

Canucks Out For Blood

In the night-cap, the Hong Kong Baseballers, generally recognised as the most colourful team in the circuit, will clash with the Canadian Chinese. Although the odds are heavily against them, the

Canucks, revived by the return of Coach Bill Woo, will go all out to chalk up one victory at least before the season ends. Geegee Lee will probably toe the rubber, with former smoke-ball hurler Herbie Quon behind the bat. Ross Mark, T. Lee and Luke Bunn will probably take care of the bases with Bill Woo in the windy alley.

For the Waggonermen, Cy "Screwball" Jones will assume mound duties, with Joe "Dead-end" Morris receiving. Ernie Hearther will guard the initial station; Davis, the keystone, and Lou Leight the hot-corner, with Fitch at short-stop, whilst ball-hawks will be Hank Sperry, Crews and Reardon. Albert Leonard, Cyclone Bakar, and Stan Leonard have been nominated to officiate the game.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

In the opener of the Junior softball loop quadruple bill at 9 a.m. the R.A.F., headed by Plug Gillespie, take on the Liga Portuguesa in what should be a very evenly matched game.

The third place Airmen are the heavier sluggers, but with a full team out, the Souzamen should give the Gillespiemen a good run for their money.

Field captain Damsui d'Aquino may not be able to turn out on account of Volunteer duties, in which event mentor Daddy Souza will be included in the line-up. Hemsley and Gillespie will be the battery for the Kai Tak squad, whilst port-sider Coelho will be tossing them over to Ibara behind the batter, for the Liga.

The rest of the Liga line-up will be "Bunt" Neves at first, E. Passos at second, T. Gill at short-stop and Tony Pereira at the hot-corner. Outfielders will be Dicky Botelho, J. Remedios and Daddy Souza.

Immediately after this game, the Royal Scots tangle with the Central Britishers, with Smudge Smith and Dan Oliver forming the battery of the latter.

S. China Must Win

At 11.30 a.m. the Recreio Bees cross bats with the Royal Engineers, followed by the South China-8th R. A. tussle. In spite of the fact that the Wongmen were trimmed by the Cosmos last

TO-MORROW'S SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

Following is to-morrow's softball programme:

SENIOR LEAGUE
(At Kowloon Football Ground)
Filipinos v Chinese Baseballers
(1.30 p.m.)
("Doc" Molthen, Stan Leonard and "Sunburn" Omar.)

St. Joseph's v Cyclones
(2.45 p.m.)
(Harry Campos, Vancy Marques and Bill Woo.)

H.K. Baseballers v Canadian Chinese
(4.00 p.m.)
(Al Leonard, Bakar and Stan Leonard.)

JUNIOR LEAGUE
(At the Chatham Road Military Football Ground)
R.A.F. v Liga Portuguesa
(9.00 a.m.)
(Pinky Higgins, Dan Oliver and Fittinghoff.)

Royal Scots v Central Britishers
(10.15 a.m.)
(Plug Gillespie, C. Coelho and Daddy Souza.)

Recreio Bees v Royal Engineers
(11.30 a.m.)
(Cecil Wanklee, Nelson Ma and Tommy Young.)

South China v 8th R.A.
(12.45 p.m.)
(Wellford, Mike Mendonca and Wilfred Lawrence.)

LADIES' LEAGUE
(At the Kowloon Football Ground)
Wildcats v Recreio Ramblettes
(9.00 a.m.)
(Hal Winglee, Bimby Ablong and Dave Walker.)

Little Flowers v Wahoos
(10.30 a.m.)
(Nip Lum, Charlie Figueredo and Bill Woo.)

Baby Panthers v Cardinals
(12.00 noon.)
(Nick Beltrao, Hal Winglee and J. Fonseca.)

INTER-HONG LEAGUE
(At the Marina Ground)
Texaco Oilers v Green Spots
(11.15 a.m.)
(Bob Laurel, Arthur Ribeiro and Barradas.)

week, this is one game they cannot lose, although the Stanley Gunners have improved immensely since their first outing, when the other teams usually got tired running round the bases.

Bill Quon will be on the slab for Nam Hwa, with Cecil Winglee receiving. First base will be guarded by Bill Yum, whilst Tommy Young, Harry "Gabby" Chinn and Charlie G. W. Ng will be the other infielders.

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Kowloon Cricket Club will entertain United Services Recreation Club in a friendly lawn bowls match to-day at Cox's Road, commencing at 2 p.m.

Following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club:

R. S. Capell, B. Wylie, A. Steven and V. C. Labrum (skip); C. Bowden, R. T. Purch, P. Wellwood and H. Overy (skip); A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, A. W. Smith and J. Fraser (skip). Reserves, L. Jack and A. E. P. Guest.

THELMA MARQUES JUST COULDN'T MAKE MISTAKE!

By "Grandstand"

WITH THE EXCEPTION of the Baby Panthers-Cardinals tussle, which might prove to be of slight interest, the ladies' programme for this week does not promise anything exciting.

The Pantherettes, who have been noticed to be falling off in form lately, are now under the coaching of V.R.C. playing-manager Gussie Noronha. Although former coach Cesa "Donald Duck" Xavier is still seen at practices his interest is purely of a supervisory nature, as he is still medically advised to take it easy.

Novel Fractice

In order to impress upon the team the necessity of an accurate throw after a fumble, at the last week's workout of this "A" class team as coach Gussie Noronha calls them their diminutive relief second-sacker, Thelma "Peanut" Marques, was asked to fumble a grounder, pick the ball up and complete the play, in a demonstration.

Imagine Thelma's embarrassment when she just couldn't fumble them . . . how hard she tried!

The line-up for their game against the Redbirds will be Lelie "La-la" Xavier on the mound with Theresa Marques behind the batter. Celeste Marques, Thelma Marques, Regina Xavier and Alex Mendonca will be the infield, with Norma Silva, Hilda Soares and Theresita Botelho the fly-chasers.

Cardinals' Problems

The Cardinals seem to be having a bit of trouble, with their first-string hurler Efigenia Babida out of action, with an arm sprained last week. Going through their roster, the logical pitcher would be Gladys "Grandina" Hutchinson, who chucked last season for the now defunct Cubs, and it came as a surprise to me last week, when Adi Zimmern, a rookie twirler, was started on the mound.

Marie Roza will as usual be seen hind-sneaking, whilst the rest of the infield positions are rather uncertain, but will probably be between Betty Fitzgerald, Kitty Bush, Gilly da Motta and Betty Clarke.

At 9.00 a.m. the Wildcats tangle with the Recreio Ramblettes. Thelma Colaco will toss them over for the Untamed Felines, whilst Ramblette slabstress will be Gerry Jorge. Being both superior with the stick, and on the field, the Wildcats should have no difficulty in chalking up this one.

At 10.45 the Greenshirts Wahoos take on the Little Flowers.



TO-DAY'S RUGBY

The semi-final round matches in the local International Rugby tournament will take place this afternoon on the Navy ground, where England will meet Ireland at 2.30 p.m. and Scotland will meet Wales at 4 p.m.

The teams are:

ENGLAND:—Thompson (Club); Day (Club), Paul (Navy), Coombes (Army), and Marsh (Army); Charter (Club) (Capt.) and Bowden (Navy); Manfield (Navy), Burford (Club), Heasman (Club); King (Navy), Bompas (Army); Wright-Nooth (Police), Hewitt (Army) and Needham (Club).

IRELAND:—Morahan (Navy); Page (Army), Giblin (Army), Clive (Army) and A. N. Other; Cullinan (Police), Mullen (Army), Stout (Club); Hackett (Club); Thornhill (Navy); Dempsey (Police), Hynes (Club) and Mohan (Army).

SCOTLAND:—Taylor (Police); Macdonald (Army); Stewart (Club), Douglass (Army) and McGill (Navy); Aitkenhead (Club) Thomson (Club); Watson (Navy), Ford (Army), Macrae (Club); Sutherland (Army), Millar (Army); Kennedy (Club); Taylor (Club) and Pinkerton (Army).

WALES:—Hopkins (Club); Moore (Club); Richards (Army); Honeywill (Navy) and Bevan (Army); Morgan (Club) and Morgan (Army); Stockham (Navy); Walkden (Club), Turner (Army); Wilson (Army), Thomas (Club); Stark (Club), Lewis (Police) and A. N. Other.

A.P. PEREIRA BEATS HARVEY

In a charity billiards match played last evening at the Soldiers' Club, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps beat Royal Army Medical Corps by four out of six games played, the points being 1188 to 908.

L/Cpl. A. P. Pereira did well, beating Cpl. J. H. Harvey, Garrison champion, by 200 to 101. Pereira also scored the biggest breaks of the evening, 47, 52 and 48.

Prizes were distributed to the successful contestants by Col. N. Forde. All proceeds of the evening will go to the B.W.O.F.

Full scores are as follow:

Capt. F. P. Sequeira (V.C.) beat L. W. V. Dixon, 200-150; Sgt. Rakusen (V.C.) beat S/S. C. Terran 200-140; Sgt. Remedios (V.C.) lost to Sgt. E. W. Wyre 196-200; Pte. M. M. da Silva (V.C.) beat Pte. A. Howe 200-118; Pte. Hickman (V.C.) lost to Pte. J. Whybro 192-200; L/Cpl. A. P. Pereira (V.C.) beat Cpl. J. H. Harvey 300-101.



SCOTS PLAYER SUSPENDED

Falconer, of the Royal Scots senior League soccer team, has been suspended for the rest of the season, as the result of an incident in a match against Kwong Wah.

This decision was reached at the meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday evening.

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Important Junior Match At Kowloon C.C. To-Day

Craigengower's Bowlers May Decide Issue

RECREIO SHOULD BEAT UNIVERSITY IN FIRST DIVISION

By "Adrem"

BIG MATCH IN TO-DAY'S cricket programme will be between Kowloon Cricket Club and Craigengower Cricket Club, the result of which may well decide the Junior Championship, although Recreio supporters will probably disagree with this.

On paper the teams are remarkably well-balanced but, having regard to the fact that Craigengower's attack is slightly more formidable, the Valley side would appear to have a slight edge.

Kowloon will be at full strength, Rapley being back again after a game in the firsts last week, and it is interesting to note that W. W. Parsons, who must be the most elderly League cricketer in the Colony at the moment, has displaced young Burch. Parsons is a very useful bowler and a not unsuccessful bat so this move should add strength to the team.

I fancy that Madar and Baxter, who took part in the record first-wicket stand last week, will find the Craigengower bowling far less to their liking than they did the University's, but there are good batsmen to follow them if they do not again distinguish themselves.

Craigengower's batting, although it has been good enough hitherto, does not appear to be quite as good as Kowloon's but in U. M. and A. M. Omar, and Lam, Esmail and Way to provide variety, their attack is formidable and, on the good K.C.C. wicket, this may decide the issue.

Senior Matches

Only two senior matches will be played and both should be interesting, particularly that at Pokfulam, where University will try to demonstrate that their fine win over the Indians last week was no flash in the pan.

Ozorio was punished badly when playing on the University ground a few weeks ago and I don't expect him to do very much, to-day, but Eddie Gosano should be very effective, as should L. G.

I do not think the University attack is sufficiently good to dismiss Recreio cheaply, although the latter are not a strong batting side by any means, and, although some of their batsmen may come off against the two Gosanos, I cannot see many runs being scored by them. I favour Recreio to win.

Craigengower and I.R.C. have had some great tussles in the past and this afternoon's match at the Valley should be no exception. It will be a bowler's match, I think, and as Craigengower's are in much better form at the moment, I will be venturesome and tip them to win.

Other League matches should result in wins for Police and Recreio.

MATCH CANCELLED

The match between the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI and the Diocesan Boys' School has been cancelled owing to the latter being unable to raise a team.

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WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the soccer programme for the week-end:

To-day

First Division	
Middlesex	v Kowloon (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)
Police	v Club (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)
Eastern	v South China (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
Second Division	
Navy	v Club (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Ordnance	v 30th R.A. (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Third Division	
Service Corps	v 36th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
35th R.A.	v Shell (Military, 4.00 p.m.)
Engineers	v Air Force (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Signals	v 12th R.A. (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)	
Engineers	v Kowloon (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
Middlesex	v Service Corps (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

To-morrow

First Division	
Kwong Wah	v Navy (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)
R. Scots	v Sing Tao (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)
Second Division	
South China	v Police (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
Engineers	v Sing Tao (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Third Division	
Medicals	v A.S.A. (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
24th R.A.	v 20th R.A. (Caroline, 2.30 p.m.)
7th R.A.	v International (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)	
Royal Scots	v Chinese A.S.C. (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will play for the Y.M.C.A. in friendly hockey matches at King's Park this afternoon (Saturday):

1st XI (—) (4.15)—Benwell; Taylor and Youriff; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Smith, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Morgan and Dunne.
2nd XI (v R.E.'s 2nd XI, 3.00):—Cleggett; Grant and Tomlinson; Smits, Gorman and Railton; Macey, Dormer, Spare, Gilchrist and Banks.

TWO LADIES HOCKEY MATCHES

Two ladies' friendly hockey matches, one on the Mainland and the other on the Island, will be played this afternoon in addition to the two regular week-end games arranged by Y.M.C.A.

Hong Kong Ladies will entertain Diocesan Girls' School at Happy Valley, commencing at 3 p.m. while St. Andrew's Ladies and Club de Recreio Ladies will meet on the Diocesan Girls' School ground at 3.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. seniors will probably play Nomads, while their juniors will engage Royal Engineers at 3 p.m. at King's Park.

EASTERN'S CHANGE OF FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP

By "Referee"

CAROLINE HILL should be crowded to capacity this afternoon in spite of the greatly increased prices when Eastern meet South China in First Division of the Football League in a game which will probably decide the championship.

On the first meeting of these teams the result was a two-all draw, though South China missed a penalty in the closing minutes of the game.

A win for Eastern this afternoon will virtually give them the championship for the first time in their history; a loss of one point will necessitate a play-off with Sing Tao and a defeat would mean that South China and Sing Tao would play off for title.

Both teams will be at full strength and Woo Kee-cheong will be turning out at right-half for Eastern. Tsang Chung-wan, who was reported to have left for Macao, will be playing at right-back for South China.

South China are making several positional changes. Lee Kwok-wai returns to the side at left-back, while Tse Kam-hung will play left-half. Lau Chung-sang will be seen in the forward-line.

Junior Games Postponed

Several junior games have had

to be postponed this week-end owing to the preliminary Round of the Junior Shield. In this competition the best game should be that at Sookunpoo, where Middlesex meet Service Corps. Both teams are equally balanced and there should not be much difference in the final result.

Engineers, present leaders of Second Division, should have little difficulty against Kowloon, although they have been forced to field several reserves.

To-morrow's Match

Eight games will be played to-morrow and the best should be that between Royal Scots and Sing Tao at Sookunpoo. On their first meeting Royals did well to hold the Chinese to two-all until the closing minutes, when Kwok Ying-kee scored the winning goal for the Chinese.

Before this game Royals Juniors meet the newly-formed Chinese Amateur Sports Club in the Junior shield. The former team is composed of several of the ex-Chinese Athletic team.

CHESS WIN FOR CARVALHO

D. E. de Carvalho beat **K. M. A. Barnett** in a chess match played at the Peninsula Hotel last night to win Section "B" of the Kowloon Chess Club Senior tournament. Barnett is the holder of the Club Championship and the Colony title.

The game was very evenly contested and dragged out into a long end game of knight and pawns. Carvalho put up a spirited resistance, though a move behind, and scored a creditable win. The game was the French defence, Carvalho playing the black pieces. Barnett resigned on the 72nd move. Carvalho will meet C. M. Siquelra, or G. S. Coxhead, in a match of three games for the Club Championship.

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MEDITERRANEAN PICTURE

Momentarily Changed By Goering's Dive-Bombers

EXPLOSION AT FORD MOTOR FACTORY

All available fire-fighting equipment has been sent to cope with a fire which followed an explosion yesterday near one of the Ford Motor Company's factories at Dearborn, Michigan.

Officials of the Department of Justice were immediately sent to the scene to determine whether there is any question of sabotage.—Reuter.

NEW CHINA AIR LINE TO INDIA

A DIRECT AIR LINE BETWEEN CHINA AND INDIA IS PLANNED FOR THE NEAR FUTURE.

A subsidiary of Pan-American Airways, the Sino-American National Aviation Corporation, is expected to operate the new service.

A Douglas air liner owned by the Corporation will shortly make a survey flight, and the air line will be inaugurated as soon as maintenance arrangements have been completed, it is learned in Chungking.—Reuter.

"New German Nuisance Will Be Mastered"

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

WITH GERMAN dive-bombers operating from Sicily the difference between German and Italian efficiency appears and the picture in the Mediterranean for the moment has changed.

But the responsible naval circles in London are not dismayed by the advent of this weapon and are confident of mastering this "new German nuisance."

Factors involved included the number of German dive-bombers, the number of British fighters available, damage done to German bases by R.A.F. bombers and the speed with which British naval gunners acquire the technique of dealing with dive-bombers.

The operations in Libya and Egypt have necessitated considerable convoys through the Mediterranean, and until last week convoying had gone successfully, Italian bombing from a great height proving unsuccessful.

At the same time, with the help of the R.A.F., the Navy has been very successful in preventing reinforcements and supplies from reaching the Italian forces in Libya.

Hitler's Next Move

Next question requiring an answer is what is Hitler going to do with his forces in Rumania and elsewhere.

Is he coming through Spain? If Italy collapses he is almost

sure to come through Italy to establish himself in the Mediterranean.

He might come through Yugoslavia into Greece, or through Bulgaria into Greece, or through Bulgaria into Turkey.

He might go through Italy to Sicily and Tunisia, which would present a problem for the French.

In the meantime the German claim to have caused considerable fresh damage to the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* at Malta is authoritatively stated in London to be grossly exaggerated.—Reuter.

U-BOAT MENACE CAN BE MET

Our shipping losses have been serious, in spite of the welcome decrease in recent weeks and we cannot assume that the future will always be so agreeable, as shipping will continue to be one of the enemy's main points of attack, said Mr. Roland Cross, Minister of Shipping, yesterday.

By possessing bases on the Atlantic, the Germans have an advantage they did not have in the last war.

We have, however, something to set against that.

We know how to cope with the U-boat, and given the equipment, destroyers and planes, we can subdue that menace.

INDIA AIR TRAINING

TEN FLYING CLUBS THROUGHOUT INDIA HAVE NOW BEGUN TRAINING A LARGE NUMBER OF PILOTS FOR THE INDIAN AIR FORCE RESERVE.

Additional hangars, workshops and other buildings are being constructed where they are required.

The first batch of six hundred candidates selected from over 38,000 applicants for training as mechanics for the Reserve are expected to start a twelve months' course of instruction early in February.—Reuter.

SPLENDID BRITISH VICTORIES

The standing committee of the Chamber of Princes yesterday passed a resolution requesting the Viceroy to convey to His Majesty's Government, particularly to "the dauntless soldier-statesman" Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the sincerest congratulations of the Princes of India in the splendid and brilliant victories of the Imperial and Allied forces in Africa and Albania.—Reuter.

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